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WITH this issue closes the third volume of the HELPER. From the commencement it has been the earnest endeavor of the editor to make it meet an actual and recognized necessity. Cheered by the belief that the efforts made have not been futile, it is with a degree of thankfulness that this point is reached. The growth and success of this enterprise has been greater than its most ardent friends dared to , hope. The subscription list has increased year by year, and the communities into which it has found its way, have constantly become more numerous. Many thanks are due to its numerous friends for the exertions which they have made in its behalf, and for the words of cheer which they have given. Not one, nor even a few, but hundreds have contributed to make this little magazine what it has become. This work, so auspiciously begun, will, with the blessing of the dear Father, be carried forward, and its beneficent results will be more and more abundant.

One year ago it was a fondly cherished hope of many, that with the commencement of the next volume this publication would be issued monthly. Though disappointed in the end sought, for the present, progress toward the desired five thousand subscribers has been made. The present number is three

thousand six hundred and five. Another year of increase in the same proportion, it is believed, will make the result attainable. So, dear friends, press forward, and "be not weary in well doing."

THE annual meeting of this Society was held in Boston, Oct. 13-14. The attendance was not large, yet the occasion was one of importance and responsibility. There were no other meetings held than those devoted to business, of which there were several sessions. The reports of the secretaries were fuller and more expressive of the work of the Society than usual. That of the Home Secretary timely referred to a more complete organization, as an important means of greater efficiency. The appropriations for the coming year were considerably increased, with a sure confidence that the contributions would not fall a whit below them. It was felt that this is the time for earnest action and larger faith, in view of the blessings of the past. Indeed, the admonition of the prophet of old to the Church of God, seems applicable to us all: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The seventy-first annual meeting of the American Board (Congregationalist) has recently been held in Lowell, Mass. This organization may be fitly styled the parent of American Missionary Societies. It was formed in 1810, and is the oldest in years. Its field of operations is broad, and its machinery immense. Its annual receipts are a half million dollars, and its mission stations are in nearly every quarter of the globe. It employs a hundred and fifty missionaries, who are assisted by two hundred and fifty women as wives and teachers, and more than twelve hundred native helpers. Its policy has great influence in the government of all Christian missions.

The impression which these facts, presented in detail, make, is deepened by attendance at one of its annual gatherings, where thousands congregate, representing wealth, culture, and piety, including scores of missionaries, and a few representatives of non-Christian nations, all speaking

clearly and forcibly of what God is doing through His church for these nations.

At this meeting the women of the several branches came together, completely filling two large churches, and were addressed by returned missionaries from Europe, Asia, and the Isles of the sea. It was a grand privilege to sit among them and catch the inspiration of the hour. Truly, God's truth is onward in its march, and the kingdoms of this world are to be the kingdoms of His Son.

Some very kind words were said by our English brethren, on their return home, of their visit to the Free Baptist Centennial, for which grateful thanks are expressed.

In the General Baptist Magazine, for September, Rev. Mr. Goadby says: "Our reception was most cordial and enthusiastic. It was very pleasant to us to see many old faces, and to convey to the brethren on so great an occasion, the assurance of the kindly sympathy and loving Christian regard of their denominational kinsfolk in England, who, ten years since, had celebrated their hundredth birthday. The centu-

ries clasp hands in holy, joyous fellowship.

We sought to stimulate interest in the Orissa Mission, and to encourage our brethren in their great work among Freedmen in the South, and Chinamen in the West, and Indians in the West and North, and European immigrants every-With one great burst of gratitude and joy, we all celebrated the complete and triumphant success of the emancipation policy of our brethren. It was a great moment when old men told the story of the early struggles of the denomination on behalf of the slave; and a colored sister, from Harper's Ferry, thanked the brethren, in her own name and that of her race, for their fidelity to the principle of human freedom, and their devotion to the cause of the oppressed and enslaved African. We sang together a suitable song of praise; every heart was full of emotion, and many eyes were moistened with tears. I could have wished we had also somewhere, somehow, sung

"John Brown's body lies mouldering in the grave, But his soul is marching on: Glory, glory, hallelujah!"

And I did sing it inwardly, for our friends have a Freedman's College at Harper's Ferry, and are taking possession of the South, with a valiant "Army of the Lord."

# OUR WORK IN THE WEST.

[Paper Read by Miss Nellie Dunn, at the General Conference, on Home Mission Day.]

THE field of which we speak extends from the banks of the beautiful Hudson to the fertile prairies of Nebraska and Kansas; from the cold regions of Minnesota lakes to the hills of West Virginia and Kentucky.

This section embraces fifteen states, with an area of 811,977 miles. In this territory, eleven times as large as the whole of New England, with a population six times as great as all the Eastern States, what is our position? . . . In this immense field we have now but 800 ministers, and, from various causes, not all of these are active in the service.

Of the population among which these men are scattered, our membership numbers only 38,278. Aside from the small number of communicants to whom the pastors look for support, we must take into account the situation of the churches — scattered over the country. It is the common practice, not the exception, to place one pastor over several churches, and these are usually far apart. For instance, one good brother in Wisconsin has several churches under his care. His circuit embraces 200 miles! God will reward, if not the world, such men, who relinquish the comforts of home and the pleasure of society, to carry from place to place the good tidings. Another, who has now gone to his heavenly home, labored in Nebraska, holding his meetings in "dug-He rode on horseback over bad roads, through storms, seventy miles, to attend Quarterly Meetings. Many of these Western churches cannot give the necessary support. The membership is not only small, but the members are poor; a majority are farmers, whose income is never large. In Northern countries, clearing timber lands, or on Western prairies, stocking farms, their capital is small, their expenses nearly equal to their gains. Considering these facts—the scattered churches, the small membership, and the poverty of the members — remembering the few ministers in the field, how are our churches to be supported, how can new ones be organized, and how are men to be furnished to carry forward the work?

One of the greatest needs is the oft-repeated one — money. Especially is money needed for the establishment of city churches. Scattered country churches are not going to

uphold the denomination. Cities rise and grow quickly in the West, and other churches spring up and increase. The reasons for this special work for large towns are evident. It is the city church that becomes self-supporting first, and lends aid to others. Cities are centres of influence. If interests there are well sustained, more country churches will be maintained. The great church historian, Neander, says: "Christianity was carried from city to country." If this is the natural order, and has been proven by history to be the most successful method, can we expect the greatest success

without following it?

Now this work cannot be done by self-appointed laborers without means. So we meet inevitably the next great need, — missionary agents. More men are wanted in this home mission work, and more system in their work. We look back over the first years of our history, and see the mistake our good old ministerial fathers made in not apportioning their ministers and dividing their fields. We read that many churches were without preaching, and the system of itineracy imperfect. But do we realize that to-day, on our western frontier, the same difficulties exist in an aggravated form? Many churches are left for months, or entirely, without pastors. No one has general superintendence of the work in any section or state. The Parent Society does not furnish necessary funds. In fact, the officers do not know, oftentimes, the situation of the field. And, indeed, how can we ex-

pect them to?

The only remedy for this is, the appointment of general missionaries, one for each State, perhaps, whose whole duty it shall be to watch over the interests of their respective fields, advising the organization of new churches, and assisting in the arrangement of Quarterly Meetings, securing pastors for destitute churches, and recommending the use of Home Mission money for needy places. Their support must come from the denomination, through its Home Missionary Society. Until these funds are furnished, and such men appointed, our churches will continue to be scattered and illy provided for, our ministers poorly sustained, and their families will suffer; and we shall fail to see the increase the years ought to bring to us. Another very important aid is the press. In these days, when newspapers, periodicals or books are in nearly every home, when literature of all kinds in cheapest form is broadcast o'er the land, the need for the Christian press is greater than ever. A true and terse expression is that which calls the printing press "the great

tongue of the world."

Truly eloquent oratory and learned scholarship are not felt by the masses as the print. The first they never hear, perhaps, or soon forget, while the latter is with them at their firesides. Many have not the advantages of schools and lectures, but they will spend their leisure time in reading for amusement or instruction. Now what shall they read? Sentimental novels, infidel pamphlets, impure writings? Or, shall Christian stories amuse the children; sound doctrines be read by the mother, whose influence they carry through life; and pure, manly expressions of the noblest men guide the father, whose footsteps they soon follow?

In these times, when young men and women think for themselves, and study and compare, ought not all the arguments and beliefs concerning the most important questions of their lives to be laid before them fairly and squarely? When principles of free moral agency, of free and full salvation, are held and sustained, as we are proud to do, should we hold them back from the open hands and eager minds of the coming generation? A gratuitous distribution of religious and denominational literature is especially needed in the West. There, in many places, they have not the living preacher to speak to them often and forcibly of Bible truths and denominational beliefs; they must have it in print. But books are expensive, and they must be furnished gratuitously,

in cheap editions if need be, or in form of tracts.

In attempting to thus extend and strengthen our Western borders, I appeal to the women for aid. There are before me to-day women who twenty and thirty years ago left New England homes to accompany their husbands to Western mission fields. Each one of them recalls to-day weary weeks and months, when the burden of house and farm work fell on her; long nights, when she watched in the sick-room alone, while the father was on his long horse-back journeys across the country; midnight hours when she sewed and patched the scanty wardrobe, and prayed that the children, whose training she bore alone, might be noble men and women; that the husband for whom she sacrificed so much might be a worthy worker in the cause to which he gave his life. Do you know that your experience is repeated to-day in scores of homes? your trials borne by many noble wives and mothers? And you, women of the East, - who see before you constantly spires of churches, and hear the sound of service

bells, who reach your friends and visit Christian homes by few hours' travel and little expense, — do you think of the women who reach Free Baptist meetings seldom and with great labor and expense, who wish in vain too often for the grasp of sympathizing hands and the response of earnest hearts?

Let them not plead in vain to-day for your help in their toil and your sympathy in their sacrifice. Let me repeat what our historian has so truly said: "If any people have reason to respect woman, to pay a high tribute to her memory and place a high appreciation on her labors and sacrifices for Christ, the Free Baptists are that people!" We honor those devoted women of our first decades; we honor the heroic women in our Western fields in this centennial year; may we not have great cause to honor in coming years their watchful supporters among the women of the East?

There are urgent reasons why this work should be prosecuted energetically and immediately. We must remember that many of the sons of toil on our Western prairies and lakes are children of New England, and from Free Baptist homes. Shall we allow this intelligence and ability, which have grown in our soil and we have nourished, to give back no increase, but send its fruit to others? Shall these workers that we have reared, yield us no results because we give

them no opportunities?

Again, we observe that the centre of population and influence is yearly moving farther west. Every decade since 1790, the western movement has varied from thirty-six to eighty-one miles, until, by our last census, it was but forty-eight miles east of Cincinnati. And the census of 1880 will, no doubt, place it fifty miles beyond Ohio's western lines. With this constant emigration and increase, what will be the status of our denomination? If energetic means are not put forth, and speedily, we shall find ourselves far in the background, and that the places where the greatest population and greatest wealth might give us strongest support, are lost to us.

And other than denominational reasons should inspire us. If we are loyal citizens, and true men and women, we have the welfare of our country at heart. It is an undisputed fact that the church is the best agency for promoting peace and order. But our statistics show that the annual cost of maintaining churches in our entire land is but \$9,000,000, while that of courts and prisons is \$90,000,000, and liquors

amount to over \$1,400,000.000! With these astounding figures before our eyes, what ought to be our zeal? Good government, and especially in a republic, depends on the virtue of its citizens. As our population increases in the West, what will be the result if manliness and integrity, virtue and piety, do not develop also? Our great generals, public officers, and presidents have come, and are coming, largely from the West. Shall they come from an atmosphere of culture and religion, or one of ignorance and vice? And, as a result, shall our nation die from rottenness of heart, as did Rome; fall, assaulted by skepticism and pierced by corrupt morals? Or rise, in the dignity and nobility of intelli-

gence, freedom, purity, and piety?

Our own interests, then, demand instant, hearty service; our country calls for it; and, more, our God commands it. What right have we to dictate in the distribution of God's grace? One soul is as precious as another in His sight. So while we labor for our own salvation, while we try to send the Gospel to heathen lands, and carry it to the dark children of the South, we must not pass by our own brethren and children, whose calls are louder and more frequent, day by day, "Come over and help us." . . . Alas! in too many places in our land the same story may be told to-day as forty years ago. "No steeple attracts the eye of the traveler, no bell tolls the hour of meeting; but a school, dwelling-house, or barn, affords a place to worship Him who had not where to lay His head." How blest will be the day when, from White to Rocky Mountain's, from the lakes to the gulf, bells shall answer to bells, and everywhere shall be echoed their joyful sound, -"And they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother, Know the Lord; for all shall know him from the least to the greatest."

Christlieb says in his recent work, which contains a universal survey of Protestant Foreign Missions: "In spite of our errors and weaknesses we are approaching the time when a harvest will be gathered which will infinitely surpass all previous proportions. Wait a little longer and the full day will break; already the shadows flee away and the glow of morning shoots athwart the sky." This volume will do every pastor good, and is within the reach of all.

India! "None but Jesus deserves this bright, this precious diadem," and shall he not have it?

# REMINISCENCES.

BY MRS. M. M. H. HLLS.

(SECOND DECADE OF THE F. B. INDIA MISSION.)

The need of reinforcing the mission had now become most painfully urgent. Long had Phillips and Bacheler been pleading for help to hold what had been gained, uncheered by the presence of a single American helper, except Mr. Dow's few brief months of labor. The society at home had for some time been exerting itself to secure means for reinforcement. Its corresponding secretary, Rev. E. Hutchins, in a fervent appeal to the churches, said, "The cry for additional laborers is continually coming to our ears, till, at times, our hearts are agonized. We toil, and eat the bread of carefulness, that we may do a little to sustain those who are laboring to turn the heathen from their abominations, but oh, how little we can do! Had we the wealth that many of our brethren possess, quickly would our hearts be relieved by devoting it to this work. . . . We are afflicted in hearing so much the cry, 'We are poor,' as an excuse for not aiding to send the Gospel to the dying millions of India. Churches and Christians that in this age of light do not engage in missionary work will be poor, spiritually poor, and will even lose the mind and power to enjoy the good things of this life."

Prayer was at length heard, and persevering effort rewarded. Aug. 3, 1849, Rev. Ruel Cooley and wife, of western New York, both Oberlin graduates, sailed from Boston in the ship "Argo," and arrived in Calcutta Dec. 15, a voyage of four months and one week. Dr. Bacheler, who was then in Calcutta with his wife, for the restoration of her failing health, on hearing of the arrival of the "Argo" at the mouth of the Hoogly, and knowing that some days must elapse before the ship could reach Calcutta, could not well restrain his impatience to meet the new missionaries. So on Friday, at 4 o'clock, P. M., two hours after hearing the glad news, he was gliding

down the river in a good boat, well manned, joyful in the hope of greeting them in the morning. But they, being anxious to reach the city as soon as possible, had taken a steamboat, so the two parties passed each other a few hours after Dr. Bacheler commenced his trip. Next day, at sunset, he heard the unwelcome news that the "Argo" was still some distance down the river, and would not come up before Monday. The next day was the Sabbath, but he was obliged to remain in his boat till early in the afternoon; the "Argo" passed so near that he could read her name. His heart bounded with joy as they took in their anchor, and all hands were at the oars pulling for the ship. The tide and a strong head wind were against them, and soon they were in great peril. The captain of the "Argo," seeing their danger, sent a boat to rescue them, and kindly received them on board his ship. The pang of disappointment that smote the heart of our missionary, when he learned that Mr. and Mrs. Cooley had gone on to Calcutta, soon gave way to gratitude for his rescue from a watery grave. "Ah," said the pilot, as he stepped on board the "Argo," "you had a very narrow escape with your life. I have seen many a vessel lost on those sands. Every craft that goes ashore there is sure to be lost." Next day the ship was towed by a steamer to Calcutta, and after a joyful greeting, the missionaries passed on together to Midnapore. Here they were met by Mr. Phillips and the native preachers, Rama and Mahesh. The latter seemed unable to express their delight in meeting another gospel messenger, especially Rama. He squeezed Mr. Cooley's hand, pressed him to his bosom, and even took him up in his arms, exclaiming, "Now I have a prize." The missionary party reached Jellasore, Jan. 2, 1850, where Mr. and Mrs. Cooley were to remain for a season, while Mr. and Mrs. Bacheler, the latter with improved health, passed on to resume the work at Balasore.

In India there exists what is not found elsewhere on earth, a class of men whose profession is religious robbery and

murder, and in this way they have lived for many generations. They are called Thugs. "They are bound together," says one, "by oaths and engagements as relentless as death, and as heartless as hell. They are the worst of all classes. The perfection of villainy became a Thug. They are cool, sober, unexcited traders in human life, whose consciences know no remorse, because they regard themselves as performing the highest service to their chosen deity, the goddess Kalee, who delights in the dying agonies of her victims. The thousands they murder are offerings to Kalee." The English government had been trying for years to break up this organization by arresting these murderers and punishing most of them, but pardoning a few to employ as spies to detect others. After Mrs. Bacheler's return from Calcutta, she wrote home the following account of meeting a party of

Thugs while on her way to that city: -

"Near Dantoon we met a company of sixty prisoners, marching from Midnapore to Balasore, to serve the time of their sentence in the prison there. Mr. Bacheler asked one of the officers who they were. I felt a thrill of horror run over me as he answered, 'Thugs.' This gang of robbers and murderers, extending from one end of Hindostan to the other, are literally a secret society; stranger Thugs are brothers at once, on giving and receiving a mutual secret sign, by which they are known to each other. It is impossible for others to detect them, for they mix with all classes, and while with them conform to their manners and customs. It is their invariable rule to take life whenever they plunder, however small the amount they obtain. Having observed any persons whom they wish to rob, they join their company in an unsuspecting, friendly manner, and watch for an opportunity to accomplish their designs. When the favorable moment comes, the chief one, who has had much experience, steals behind the intended victim and slips the sacred noose, made of cloth, over the head, while at the same instant one springs at each side, drawing it tight, and almost always producing immediate death. . . . A hole is then dug in the earth, into which the body is cast, and they pass on unsuspected, to make new acquaintances and commit new murders. The British government has taken every means to detect them, and has made many prisoners, yet still numbers swarm unmolested and unsuspected." Mr. and Mrs. Noves also saw a party of imprisoned Thugs in Balasore, who, they said, talked about

their system with as much composure as though it was common business, and even showed the way they strangled their victims, by putting the murderous handkerchief around the neck of one of the servants. They confessed that they had committed more than fifty murders in the district of Balasore, but they said they had never murdered an Englishman, for fear of detection.

During the year just closed, the church in Jellasore had a mixed experience of prosperity and trial. One of its most pious, useful, and esteemed members came to the Lord's table under the intoxicating influence of ganga! While a heathen he had been a sot, but his temperate, consistent life during the years since his conversion had banished all fear of a relapse. This painful case roused the missionaries. They called a public meeting of the Christian community, which was attended by quite a number of their heathen neighbors. Addresses were made, the total abstinence pledge presented, and the missionaries had the unexpected joy of seeing it signed by nearly all present, both Christian and heathen. The fallen brother seemed sincerely penitent and thoroughly reclaimed.

In the early summer of 1850, another party of Khund children, rescued from sacrificial butchery, were sent to our mis-Miss Mary Sutton, the Hindoo adopted daughter of Dr. Sutton,\* who was then an assistant in our schools, wrote the following description of their arrival: . . morning we heard of their near approach, our young people, both boys and girls, came in high glee, requesting that they might go out and meet their new companions. Some of the girls expressed a wish that they might find among them some of their relatives; one little thing in particular, a very interesting and intelligent child, often exclaimed, 'If I could only see my little sister! I hope she will come among the new children.' We had not proceeded far before we met the company. Two huge elephants, laden with tents and other conveniences, led the van. These were followed by sepoys (native soldiers), armed and belted with swords and muskets; then the children, fifty-one in number, with several attendants, formed the body of the company. Among the servants of the government agent, was a young man named Joy Singh, a person of some importance and well educated. Some years since he was a victim rescued from the murderous Khunds.

<sup>\*</sup> See Miss. Helper, No. 1., Vol. 2, page 6.

I very well remember him as a lad in the mission school at Cuttack. He was well disposed and pious, and is now a member of the church." Sister Cooley wrote: "The new children are very bright and good-looking, the most so of any native children that I have seen in the country. They appear happy and contented. The school now numbers eighty-seven. May they be so trained as to prepare them for great usefulness among their benighted countrymen."

# THE GOSPEL LIGHT.

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Light for the Gentiles! Light!
On those in deepest night,
Let light arise!
O, Sun of Righteousness!
Send thy bright beams to bless;
Pity their helplessness,
Open their eyes.

For heathen women, light!
On whom sin's deadly blight
Hopelessly lies;
From dark zenana halls,
In Afric's loathsome kraals,
Mid Turkish harem walls,
Hear their sad cries.

Light for the nations! Light!
Rise in thy glorious might,
 Saviour divine:
Unloose sin's icy bands;
Lift up the feeble hands:
Soon may the heathen lands
 Be wholly thine!

Light for thy handmaids! Light!
All weakness in thy sight,
We come to-day;
Gathered from far and near,
Give us thy listening ear,
Thy guiding voice to hear —
Hear and obey.

Abbie B. Child.

# THE UNION OF PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

+: A\$K + of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—Ps. 11., S.

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For the abundant blessings of the Gospel, and of my earnest desire that the whole world may speedily be brought to a knowledge of our Lord-and Saviour, JESUS CERIST, I hereby covenant with God and the members of the

# Anion of Prayer for Missions,

to pray in faith continually, that God will early fulfill his promises concerning the conversion of the heathen; that he will prepare their hearts to receive the message of salvation; that he will "send forth laborers into his harvest," and that he will pour out his <code>FOLY+\$PIRIT</code> upon ALL who are now working for the coming of his kingdom in the earth.

+SIGNED

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+"IF TWO + of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven."—Matt. XVIII., 19.

# The Anion of Prayer for Missions

Is a band of men, women and children, who have agreed to \*PRAY\* for missions, missionaries and the heathen, until "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."—Rev. XI., 15.

Dear

+PSALMS+LXXXVI..+9.+

The receipt of this Card may assure you that you and your work are especially remembered.

Have Raith in &God.

On the opposite page is a fac-simile of a card designed for those who desire to join in a Union of Prayer for Missions. This Prayer Union had its origin in a paper read at the F. B. Centennial Conference at Weirs, N. H., last July. At that time several persons signified their desire to join with others in praying for God's blessing upon the work of spreading the Gospel among the heathen. Since that time between two and three hundred more have joined the Union of Prayer, and it is hoped that the number will increase until its members are counted by thousands.

The pledge is a very simple one. No particular time for prayer is specified, and it is not expected that every one will follow the form of prayer indicated upon the card. These subjects are mentioned to give direction to the prayers. By "praying continually" we mean that we will not drop the subject out of our prayers, but will bear the mission cause and its workers on our hearts before the Lord, as often as the Holy Spirit shall bring them to our remembrance.

The missionaries have no means of knowing how many friends are praying for them. Many Christians remember them in their prayers who do not correspond with them. Could these oft-times weary workers receive from such friends—strangers though they may be in the flesh—these cards, assuring them of remembrance in prayer, what a source of strength and comfort it would be to them.

Signing the card is the only condition of membership, and every man, woman, and child who loves the Lord Jesus Christ is invited to join the Union of Prayer for Missions. The Woman's Missionary Society, at the annual meeting in Boston, October 13, passed a resolution indorsing the Union of Prayer, and adopting it as a part of their work.

District and Quarterly Meeting secretaries, and the secretaries of auxiliary societies, are requested to introduce the cards in their meetings and invite as many as will to join the Union. Let the children also be taught to pray for missions. What glorious results may follow a whole lifetime of prayer

for this great branch of our Lord's work. Two kinds of cards are furnished to all who join the Union. A membership card, the face of which is like the above, which is card No. 2. As many No. 2 cards are furnished to each member as there are missionaries whom they desire especially to pray for. It is hoped that every member will take at least one missionary worker as an especial subject of prayer. The cards may also be sent to native Christian workers.

Let us send so many that the heathen, seeing them hanging upon the walls of missionary homes and chapels, may be impressed by the thought that many people in a foreign country are praying for their conversion.

The cards will be furnished gratuitously by the Home Secretaries, who will also receive contributions toward de-

fraying the expenses for printing, etc.

The following resolution was passed at the annual meet-

ing: -

Whereas, We, as a Missionary Society, realize the great need of earnest, united prayer to Almighty God for his blessing upon the great work in which we are engaged, and as we sincerely believe that in answer to such prayer the work of spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ among the heathen would be more abundantly prospered, therefore,

Resolved, That we invite the Woman's Missionary Societies of all denominations to unite with us in a Union of Prayer for Missions, using the pledge card, or some similar token of

membership.

If the subject is not clearly understood, any inquiries regarding it will be cheerfully answered by Miss M. E. French, Middleton, Mass., Home Secretary of the F. B. W. M. S.

Let us pray in earnest, pray in faith, and pray continually,

and the blessing shall be ours.

ACCURATE RECORDS. — Let us make the suggestion to the secretaries of auxiliaries and of all societies, that they keep full records of all meetings, whether for business or other purposes, as they will be useful for reference in future. The experience of some whose duty it has been to prepare historical papers during the year has proved the value of accurate and clear records. Some things may seem unimportant to note down, but the results from very small beginnings are oftentimes far-reaching.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## "A GLEAM ACROSS THE WAVE."

THE Rev. Spencer Compton, the earnest Evangelical Episcopal minister at Boulogne, France, relates the following incident:—

"During a voyage to India, I sat one dark evening in my cabin, feeling thoroughly unwell, as the sea was rising fast, and I was but a poor sailor. Suddenly the cry of 'Man overboard!' made me spring to my feet. I heard a trampling overhead, but I resolved not to go on deck, lest I should interfere with the crew in their efforts to save the poor man.

'What can I do?' I asked myself, and instantly unhooking my lamp I held it near the top of my cabin, and close to my bull's-eye window, that its light might shine on the sea and as near the ship as possible. In half a minute's time I heard the joyful cry, 'It's all right! He's safe!' Upon which I put my lamp in its place. The next day, however, I was told my little lamp was the sole means of saving the man's life. It was only by the timely light which shone upon him that the knotted rope could be thrown so as to reach him."

Christian worker, never despond or think there is nothing for you to do, even in the dark and weary days. Looking unto Jesus, lift up your light; let it so shine that others may see; and, in the bright resurrection morning, what joy to hear the "Well done," and to know that you have, unawares, saved some soul from death.

#### THE GIRL WHO BEAT ALL THE BOYS.

[FROM DR. J. L. PHILLIPS.]

One of the very hardest things to do was to bring the girls into our Santal schools. These jungle people think women quite incapable of learning to read, and made only for rough work, such as cutting wood, drawing water, pounding out rice, carrying loads to market, etc. There were hundreds of bright boys in our village schools, but we felt that the girls must be taught too, or social life in these wild settlements could never be practically or permanently improved. Ignorant mothers and daughters could never make bright, beautiful, blessed homes.

Several weeks ago, while at Bhimpore, my sister, Mrs. Burkholder, pointed out to me a nice looking Santal young woman of perhaps twenty summers, seated in the Normal class on the verandah of the mission bungalow. Daya," said Julia, "the girl who beat all the boys." That calm, confident face carried me back to Kasumdahari (vou'll see the spot on the map), where ten years ago this girl, then but a child of ten, won a victory that helped us so much in reaching and teaching her sex. Shall I tell you the short story?

My dear wife and sister had been from house to house in that large Santal village, begging the mothers to send their girls to school. Two bright girls came. The teacher was a relative of theirs, and one of the kindest and cleverest schoolmasters, so he held them after they came, and taught them faithfully. Perhaps these two were then the only girls in our forty schools. I know how glad we were to have them learning to read, and how hard we tried to get others. begging and bantering, and even backshish seemed to be of little use at that stage in our educational work for the Santals.

During the cold season we held a competitive examination in this same village of K. There may have been a dozen schools; and possibly two hundred children in the beautiful mango grove where our tents were pitched, and where, in the cool shade of the dense foliage, the examinations were held. Many poor people from the surrounding villages came to see their children compete for the prizes. Some, not knowing what an examination was, had come armed with bows and arrows, and clubs, ready for a hunt! The mango grove was

fairly humming with life and work, for hours.

Other lessons done, the spelling-match began. It was about this time that spelling-schools were "all the rage" at home, so we caught the fever. The boys of the first class, made up from all the schools, had been spelled down, and the second class were on their feet. In this class were Daya and her little mate, our only Santal girls amid the scores of boys. I shall never forget how erect those two girls held their heads that day. Did they know that they were settling forever the question that a girl is better than a goat — that a woman knows more than a cow? One by one the lads dropped to their seats on the grass, leaving that brace of lasses firmly on their feet. Now but ten are standing, the hard words having put down all the rest, and two of the ten are girls. How eagerly those spellers are watched! Presently one poor girl misses and drops. Call it a slip of the tongue, for she knows better. Five still stand, Daya one of them, spelling the double-twisted jaw-breakers as if by magic! One by one the last four boys come down, leaving Daya alone in her glory! She took the prize away from all the lads of the first and second classes. "Nothing but a girl" had beaten all the boys! You should have seen her eyes, and her mother's eyes, too. And you should have heard the significant grunts that went the rounds of that wild, motley group, when our victorious girl carried off the first prize for spelling. It had been proved that a girl could learn to read.

Little Daya's conquest did more for female education among the Santals than all our preaching and pleading. Before long scores of girls were found in those jungle schools. Even that selfish, sedative plea, "What is the use of sending my girls to school? pretty soon some one will come and buy them off for wives, and away they'll go; what good will their learning ever do me?" Even this began to give way before a growing Christian sentiment. Now we have Santal girls in training for teachers and Bible readers.

Will the reader pray for these girls in our Santal schools? Pray for Daya and her sisters of the jungles and the hills. Once truly converted to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, how much they might accomplish for the enlightenment of their own sex, and for the elevation and salvation of the Santal race. May "the girl who beat all the boys" become a blessing, and many of her poor, benighted sisters angels of mercy to their own people.

DARJEELING, July 28, 1880.

## [FROM MISS CRAWFORD.]

In writing to Mrs. Hills of some recent additions to her Orphanage, she thus speaks of one of the children:—

"She is pretty and as dignified as a born princess. The up-country people are quite superior to those born down on this dead, monotonous level. Brother Coldren has named the child Jennie Ritter, and thinks a friend of his by that name will contribute to her support. She is about four years old; can talk neither Oriya nor Bengali, but is so clever that she gets on charmingly."

Heavy rains had interfered somewhat with Miss Crawford's visits to her girls' schools in the country around the station. Setting out in a hired cart, she visited several houses in a

village where one of her girls taught. Of one young woman, who had just lost a sister, she said: "I took advantage of this favorable time to teach her of the Resurrection and eternal life. She is a Mussulmani—as are all of Minnie's pupils—and not quite so much in the dark about a future state as are the heathen, but quite as far from Christ, I fear.

. . . I had intended to go to Lucknath, but the river had overflowed, and neither cart nor footman could pass, and there was no boat, so I reluctantly came home without seeing Ambhi's pupils. Two Saturdays she had been obliged to swim, and tow her woman along with her. . . . You see swimming is a necessary qualification for my girls! We have a good tank for them to practice in, but would not like to risk them in a strong current."

Aug. 28, she wrote: "Yesterday I went to Babookha in an ox-cart, and to go and come had to travel sixteen miles. The little school here is alive, but it has no suitable place in which to live. The heat was dreadful until I was nearly home; then the black clouds and a good breeze came up from the northwest, and fifteen minutes after I was home, the

rain poured.

This morning I had a long walk — the girls taking me up several times and bearing me over the deep mud and water — to visit a school of low caste children. They are doing middling well, but oh, for more life."

Under date of Aug. 31, Miss Hattie Phillips, writing of her work with the women in the Bible School at Midnapore, says: —\*

"Some of my pupils have made encouraging progress, while a few mothers, with children, house cares, and a ragged school on their hands, become wearied and sometimes a little disheartened. But I certainly think they are greatly to be commended for their persistence in work and study under such difficulties.

"James came back from the hills with his head rested, but not much strengthened by the two months of cool air. The over-work of fifteen years is not to be counteracted in two

months.

"While at Dantoon I did not see Miss Crawford often, but more frequently than any of the others, perhaps, excepting

<sup>\*</sup> The wives of the native preachers teach in Mrs. Phillips' Ragged Schools.

James. She feels very lonely now, to have none of us within twenty-eight miles of her on one side and fifty on the other. The dear woman will always be a marvel to me. The little experience that I have had in the care of unmarried native girls, makes me wonder that Miss Crawford is alive. It is truly a miracle of grace. The poor things, degraded by centuries of vile ancestors, have such low, quarreling instincts, that it requires all the faith, patience, and wisdom one can command to bear with and teach them. We need to pray daily, that we be not overcome with disgust for their depraved natures. Then, when we look at ourselves, and remember that with all our advantages the Lord has to exercise toward us infinite patience and forbearance, it silences our complaints of these poor neglected ones. Pray much for us all."

### OPENING TERM AT STORER NORMAL SCHOOL.

The term began Tuesday, October 5. The first Monday our roll reached forty-one, seven more than a year ago, when the number was larger than ever before so early in the session. The girls' side of the chapel is already nearly full. The other side is thinner, from the fact that many young men are staying away till after election. More than half our students, so far, are new ones, largely from Virginia and Maryland, some have come from Loudon Co., Penn., and we hope for more,—the result of an Education Convention, held there a few weeks ago in a grove, where the people were entertained by bandmusic, singing by Miss Lovett, a paper by Miss Franklin, addresses by Mr. Brackett and others. The people became very much interested, and altogether it was a very pleasant experience to us. We have never met a more quiet, orderly company of its size. There was none of the loud talk and laughing sometimes noticeable, and never agreeable, in their gatherings. While none were finely dressed, they all looked comfortable and neat, and had, more generally than we usually see, a thrifty, well-to-do appearance, very pleasing to those interested in the welfare of the race. We found that quite a number of them had bought homes.

The white people we met had less of the Virginia aristocratic air than those we have seen in other counties, and from what we learned we judge that the gulf between the two classes is not so broad and deep there — that they recognize

more the community of interests between them.

In addition to this, that there are so many strangers among

our students, another fact impresses us — of a change that we have been conscious was gradually coming over the school. A much larger proportion than formerly, especially of the girls, are young people sent by their parents, making necessary a

more watchful, vigorous discipline.

We almost always have some cases of especial interest. Last year we had two ministers' wives, one of whom had come because she felt the need of reading better, in order to be more useful in Sabbath School; the other in fulfillment of a promise from her husband, that when he had finished his course of study in which she had assisted him, she should have a chance to go to school. They are not back yet, but we have a young man who, when he had almost acquired a lucrative trade, lost one hand, and now, no longer a boy (his youth was spent assisting his mother in the support of her large family), he has come to fit himself for teaching. He has never been to school, knows nothing of arithmetic or geography, but can read a little.

Suggestions. — In a paper read before the recent quarterly meeting of the R. I. Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions [Cong.] these practical points were made, which are certainly worthy of attention. The reference to their maga-

zine applies to ours: -

"Use unfailing patience in helping on the children's plans; train the children in missionary work; let Sunday School teachers persuade their pupils to attend the meetings, and give in the classes bits of missionary news; read 'Life and Light,' the organ of woman's work; get every one to take it; do something for the meetings by preparing papers, by praying, by singing, by reading some items; help the missionaries by sending them appreciative letters, not looking for return, or by sending some little gift in token of remembrance; above all, pray for the missionaries: those abroad and those laid aside at home; give freely 'as ye have received;' and do all this for the sake of Him whose is the work."

THE REPORTS — Dear subscribers, are you not glad that as a supplement to all the good things that the six numbers of the Helper bring you this year, you have a brief outline of the work of the Society, contained in the reports of the Secretaries and the Treasurer? A careful reading of them and a hearty response to the requests and suggestions con-

tained in them is the compensation desired. The year upon which we have just entered is auspicious in its opening, and there is reason to hope it may be crowned with the fruit of consecrated endeavor. Three hundred copies of the reports will be bound separately.

# THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

This Society, recognizing the need of further aid to help carry forward its work, gave to the Committee on Missionary Intelligence, at its annual meeting, new significance. The plan embraces the idea of mutual helpfulness and is to be one of exchange. Thus: An auxiliary society in one section having had an essay, or poem, or dialogue, which has been helpful, is to send it to this committee, and one in another section needing something of this kind, can send her request to the committee, who will furnish the supply desired.

The necessity, as well as desirability, for such an arrangement, is obvious. It is impossible for our missionary workers, with their busy hands and weary heads, to supply directly to auxiliaries and bands the encouragement and stimulus which their letters do give. Again, the increasing demand on the Home Secretaries for copies of letters, essays, and means to help sustain an interest, is already too great a tax on the manifold duties of that office, especially since so much needs to be done that our machinery may be brought into more effective order. Other workers have sought, to some extent, to supply these helps, but system is power. And this method has been greatly desired for some time.

The persons who are willing to care for this department are young and fresh, and bring to it the necessary qualifications and a zealous interest, but that it shall be a success will depend upon the faithfulness with which supplies are sent, that the "bureau" may be full. As all are to be helped by it, so all should be willing to contribute to it. What was designed for the special work of one society may not be as valuable for another, yet if it contains a helpful thought, do not withhold it. In this way there will be developed a delightful interchange of sympathy, and the influence of some things which would be unsuitable to publish, because of their personal character or

the subjects treated, will not be lost, and the most stimulating thoughts and pertinent suggestions will be within the reach of all.

There will be expense connected with this "new departure," so it will hardly be necessary to add that stamps should accompany the requests, and it is hoped that from time to time gifts of money will be forwarded, that the efficiency may be constantly increased.

Send to Mrs. G. S. Andrews, 11 Hudson St., Providence, R. I., for letters from the missionaries, and teachers, and

also for photographs of the missionaries.

Send to Miss Kate J. Anthony, 40 Summer St., Providence, R. I., for essays, poems, dialogues, and helps for Bands.

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

The valuable paper by Miss Dunn, relating to our Western field and its wants, published in this issue, will, it is hoped, receive special attention. In connection with this general subject we are impelled to say that there are cases requiring immediate action. The Home Mission Board has more than doubled its appropriations for the past year, and it does not see the way clear to do any more. Still the call for help is from Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas. We have been especially moved by the touching appeals from the Norton Q. M., Kansas, which calls for help to sustain Rev. O. T. Clark, as missionary in that section.

A letter from the Clerk of this Q. M. to the Corresponding Secretary of the H. M. Board contains the following statements among others equally suggestive of the need of help: "We feel that our cause is worth sustaining, so we come with confidence. In view of the drouth which almost amounts to a famine, it looks as if it was assistance or surrender. Many of the people must be helped. I think some of the churches would be glad to send us some of the clothing laid aside by their members. Not the members alone need help, but the ministers. Bro. Clark rode all last winter without an overcoat or wraps, and a part of the time with no protection on his hands, sometimes not passing a

house for six or eight miles. Could he be appointed as our missionary, he would have a molding influence on our Quarterly Meeting. He has always been a Free Baptist, and has labored largely in the Iowa Yearly Meeting. He is willing to work for one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150!), in addition to what he can receive here, which I do not think can exceed one hundred."

Mrs. Clark in a recent letter says, "Sometimes the way looks dark and we hardly know what to do. No means of our own, yet children and churches to care for. To whom shall we look in this hour of need? Has God permitted this to come upon us to humble us and to open the hearts of those now closed to help those in need? Could some of our brethren and sisters in the East look into our homes, most of which are half hidden under ground, with ground floors, cold and hard, with one or two windows to admit the light, - so unlike our former homes, - they would be surprised. Many of God's dear children live beneath the ground, and as they kneel to invoke God's blessing upon their families and friends, they feel that His presence is here, even in these humble homes, and we realize our dependence upon Him. I shudder at the thought of my dear husband riding over the prairies this coming winter. One brother minister has left, which gives him additional care. This section of country (Northwestern Kansas) is beautiful, and in ordinary times yields as much as any other state in the Union."

These statements need not be enforced. Cannot special attention (not neglecting our regular work) be given to helping the home mission interest in our western borders during these two last months of the year? This will give opportunity for at least one meeting and the putting up of boxes of clothing, books and papers, etc., and the collecting of money; so let us be very active at once. Much might be added—before us are requests from other sections—but our space is limited. Other addresses will be furnished to those who wish to send boxes, and money should be sent at once to Rev. E. N. Fernald, Lewiston, Me. Let there be no delay. Already the winds whistle across the prairies, and the air is full of chill. Let us make it possible that the log houses and the dug-outs be vocal with Sunday School songs, and the praise of worship from thankful hearts. The address of

Rev. O. T. Clark is Lenora, Norton Co., Kansas.

# Words from Home Workers.

#### MAINE.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Sebec Q. M., met in connection with the session held with the Dover and Foxcroft Church, Sept. 18, 1880. Had a full house and attentive listeners. Two very interesting papers, one written by Mrs. Mary E. Wingate, and read by Miss Mary Clement, on "The Growth of a Century;" the other, written and read by Miss Ada Sampson, on "Mission Work," were presented. Some remarks by Rev. Mr. Foster, of the Exeter Q. M., encouraged and strengthened us. Some of our young friends are taking hold of this work with a zeal worthy of themselves, and we were cheered white listening to the stirring words of their essays, coming with energy from full, warm hearts. I could but lift up my soul in thanksgiving and breathe a praver to the dear Father that He would accept the service, and make them very useful in the future in His cause.

Mrs. E. D. Wade.

The Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Essex Street: Free Baptist Church, in Bangor, Me., was organized in October, 1879, and hence has been in operation one year. Previously, nothing of the kind had been done here. Its officers are: Mrs. R. L. Howard, President; Mrs. L. Jones and Mrs. E. H. Fogg, Vice-Presidents; Miss Annie Fogg, Recording Secretary; Miss Lizzie Shaw, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss May E. Brooke, Treasurer.

Our meetings have been sustained with a growing interest; twenty-seven copies of the Helper are taken, and \$27 dollars have been remitted to the Treasurer, at Dover. We feel encouraged for another year's work, and hope for still better results.

LIZZIE SHAW, Corresponding Secretary.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

A very interesting missionary concert was given recently at the Free Baptist Church of Olneyville, under the direction of the missionary committee. The house was well filled. The platform had upon it a large cross, covered with ferns and vines, and was surrounded with other beautiful decorations. The singing by the young people and school was highly commendable. "Counting the Pennies" was rendered by Miss Mamie Colwell. Miss M. Rhodes and Mr. E. E. Hubbard gave readings on missionary subjects, the latter being a letter from a lady missionary in India, supported by the Rhode Island churches. The pastor represented the magnitude and importance of the home mission work. The closing piece was a dialogue by seven young ladies, in which the genius of Christianity was represented as communing with her converts from various nations.

One of the members of the Greenville Auxiliary sends us a brief statement in regard to a missionary tea just held, hoping it may be a "help." "One of our devices for making up our apportionment and keeping up the interest in our work is a Missionary Tea. We had one of these recently at Mrs. Given's.

We had a little meeting, opened by prayer and singing, then followed reading extracts of missionary work, and other pertinent and valuable selections. Then there was a Missionary 'Art Gallery,' — pictured faces of our loved India toilers, with that of the revered veteran who is resting now. As the faces were pointed out on the wall, one of the ladies gave a little account of each, their location, work, etc. Dear 'Min's' face being noticed, gave an excellent opportunity to speak of her beloved Ragged schools, and to read extracts from a private letter in which she speaks of starting an Industrial, and asks for twenty-dollar scholarships. We didn't forget Harper's Ferry, but left that for next time. Then followed a pleasant social time in the interests of the society, before the picnic supper, for which each lady paid ten cents. There were twenty-five present, and all went away feeling more interested and more encourage1 than before."

#### NEW YORK.

Mrs. Pendleton, of Norwich, reports that the year's work recently completed by their Missionary Society has been most satisfactory.

#### MICHIGAN.

Miss Cilley reports that "the Oxford Q. M. W. M. Society, lately organized, has already three auxiliaries: at Riley Center, Capac, and New Haven. And now Bruce Church sends for helps to organize. God bless the faithful workers in Northern Michigan."

Miss Stockwell, Secretary of the Hillsdale Q. M. Society, read a fine paper at the last meeting of the River Raisin Q. M. Society. Her presence greatly cheered the workers in that Society. Is not this an excellent example, —a hint to others of a way of helping and being helped? If teachers and Sunday School workers need suggestions from others engaged in the same work, why not we? And what more feasible way than this, of attending each other's meetings, keeping eyes and ears open, and being willing, too, to speak earnest words for the common cause. In this Q. M. the Manchester and Macon auxiliaries are doing finely, and others are organizing for effective work.

#### MINNESOTA.

Mrs. L. E. Leighton, Q. M. Secretary, writes: -

"At the September term of the Hennipen Q. M., which convened with the Mazeppa church, the Woman's Mission meeting was called at ten o'clock, Saturday. Exercises were opened by singing 'To the Work,' Scripture was read by Mrs. Livingston. Very cheering reports from Castle Rock and Champlin were read by the secretary. Verbal reports by Brother Smith of Minneapolis, and Brother Mitchel of Cryst al Lake. the secretaries having failed to send in their reports. Brother Palmer, our State Missionary, made a very good report of his work. Extracts from Burmah letters were read by Mrs. Batson. Select reading by Miss Van Vliet, Miss Livingston and Miss Dean. A request from the Minneapolis Auxiliary, that we ask the Woman's Mission for fifty dollars to finish some chapel that may be built in our mission field, was acted upon and granted. The collection taken for home work, amounted to four dollars and fifty cents.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary So-

ciety was held at Caledonia on Friday afternoon, Sept. 10.

Mrs. J. F. Smith, the President, conducted the exercises. The meeting opened by singing. Parts of the 126th Psalm and 16th chapter of Matthew were read by Mrs. Babcock. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Minard. "The World for Christ" was then sung. The Corresponding Secretary gave a report of the work done in the Societies during the year, showing the amount raised to be \$375.21.

Mrs. R. H. Crowell, delegate to the F. B. W. F. M. S., held in Weirs, N. H., gave a report of her visit to that Society, and spoke of the cordial welcome extended to her by the band of noble workers she there met. She referred, as a partial result of this delegation, to the fact of Miss French's presence with us as a delegate from that society,

and the good her visit among us had already accomplished.

Then followed Miss French's able and instructive lecture on India, which was listened to with deep interest by an attentive audience.

Rev. J. F. Smith made a few appropriate remarks. A collection was taken amounting to \$5.60.

Closed by singing

"From Greenland's icy mountains."

During the session of the Society, a resolution was passed commending the Helper for the manner in which it is conducted, and recommending its further circulation.

# Notes and Gleanings.

For Prospectus for 1881 see 3d page of cover.

The present issue of the Helper is delayed on account of the reports, as is plainly evident.

We have received the reports of the India Bible School and the Free Baptist Mission in Southern Bengal.

The King of Siam, accompanied by a splendid retinue, is coming to America for a three weeks' visit.

The native Christians of the United Presbyterian Mission in Egypt gave nearly three dollars each in religious contributions last year.

Again we recommend to our workers Good Times, which has a department for Sabbath Schools and Missions, containing readings and dialogues. Its terms are \$1.00 a year. Send your orders to us, which we will gladly see are properly attended to.

THE HELPER has 3,605 subscribers, which are distributed as follows: Maine, 786 New Hampshire, 428; Rhode Island, 404; New York, 384; Massachusetts, 275; Michigan, 237; Ohio, 211; Vermont, 167; Nova Scotia, 121; Illinois. 107; Minnesota, 79; Iowa, 70; New Brunswick, 66; Wisconsin, 65; Pennsylvania, 32; West Virginia. 29; Province of Quebec, 24; exchange list, 24; Ontario, 21; Indiana, 18; India, 17; Kansas, 14; Connecticut, 10; New Jersey, 8; Maryland, 4; Missouri, 4; Nebraska, 4; California, 2; Africa, 1.

Of those who have procured subscribers, Mrs. E. W. Porter, of the Paige Street Church, Lowell, Mass., heads the list with 100. Twenty-five and more are sent to churches as follows: Roger Williams, Providence, R. I., 71; Saco, Me., 62; Olneyville, R. I., 55; Washington Street, Dover, N. H., 52; Augusta, Me., 46; Main Street, Lewiston, Me., 46; Haverhill, Mass., 46; Greenville, R. I., 43; Barrington, N. S., 43; Pascoag, R. I., 41; Hillsdale, Mich., 35; Park Street, Providence, R. I., 34; Mt. Vernon Street, Lowell, Mass., 32; Portland, Me., 30; North Berwick, Me., 27; Lyndon Center, Vt., 27; New Hampton, N. H., 26; Auburn, Me., 25; Bangor, Me., 25; Farmington, N. H., 25; Whitefield, N. H., 25. Other churches have done as well in proportion to their numbers. Let there be everywhere an increase for the year 1881.

# Children's Miche.

## THE SILVER PLATE.

[BY MARGARET J. PRESTON.]

They passed it along from pew to pew,
And gathered the coins, now fast, now few,
That rattled upon it; and every time
Some eager fingers would drop a dime
On the silver plate with a silver sound,
A boy, who sat in the aisle, looked 'round
With a wistful face: "O, if only he
Had a dime to offer, how glad he'd be!"
He fumbled his pockets, but did n't dare
To hope he should find a penny there;
And much as he searched, when all wasdone,
He had n't discovered a single one.

He had listened with wide-set, earnest eyes,
As the minister, in a plaintive wise,
Had spoken of children all abroad
The world who had never heard of God;
Poor, pitiful pagans, who did n't know
When they came to die, where their souls
would go;

And who shrieked with fear when their mothers made

Them kneel to an idol god — afraid
He might eat them up, so fierce, and wild,
Andhorrid, he seemed to the frightened child.
"How different," murmured the boy,
while his

Lips trembled, " How different Jesus is!"

And the more the minister talked, the more
The boy's heart ached to the inner core;
And the nearer to him the silver plate
Kept coming, the harder seemed his fate;
That he had n't a penny (had that sufficed)
To give, that the heathen might hear of
Christ.

But all at once, as the silver sound

Just tinkled beside him, the boy looked

'round,

And they offered the piled-up plate to him, And he blushed, and his eyes began to swim:

Then bravely turning, as if he knew
There was nothing better that he could do,
He spoke in a voice that held a tear:
"Put the plate on the bench beside me

here."

And the plate was placed, for they thought
he meant

To empty his pockets of every cent.

But he stood straight up, and softly put
Right square in the midst of the plate his
foot.

And said with a sob, controlled before,
"I will give myself—I have nothing
more!"

## SOME METHODS OF WORKING.

Looking through a few exchanges to find some things which we could suggest to the bands to help them as they enter upon the winter campaign, we find many ways of working which lead to a similar result, — the creating and sustaining of an interest in helping to obtain money to send the Gospel "all the world around":—

Last spring nine boys met and formed a missionary society; after a few meetings girls were admitted, and a lady was elected director. We meet every two weeks and each pays ten cents a month. Our parents and others are admitted as annual members, on the payment of twenty-five cents. We have a lecture from some gentleman at each meeting.

We organized under the name of Gleaners, in October, and are making a rag carpet for an Orphan Asylum. We are to give our money for missionary purposes.

"The Helping Band" meets with the pastor's wife, who teaches them from mission maps, and reads to them while they sew. At their meetings they have found a question-box to be useful. The "Earnest Workers" are learning about the heathen while they sew carpet rags, and prepare for a sale.

A Sunday School class of young men, hold three sociables during the year, making them entertaining and profitable by reading, singing, and recitations, bearing upon missions, and also by presenting idols and curiosities brought from foreign lands.

Each member of the "Willing Workers" has a book and a bag; they get as many subscribers as they can who will pledge a cent a week towards supporting a Bible Woman in Burmah, and another in China.

The Gleaners meet regularly once a fortnight, but once in three months give a "Social" to their friends. They pay five cents to become members, and one cent per week afterward.

The ladies of a missionary society supplied all the children who wished to work with small boxes, to be opened in three months. Thirty-six boys and girls volunteered to do all they could. They were enthusiastic and even made sacrifices. To all having one dollar a certificate was given. The amount collected, was \$18.50. Think of the amount of good they will do through these dollars. Some children to-day in darkness will through them learn of the blessed Saviour.

STRANGE PLANTS. — There grows on the banks of the Amazon River a gigantic reed, nearly thirty feet high, which is frequently crowned with a large ball of earth, like the golden globe on the utmost end of a lofty church steeple.

This is the comfortable home of myriads of ants, which retire to these safe dwellings, high and dry, at the time of rains and during the period of inundation, rising and descending in the hollow of the reed, and living on what they find swimming on the surface of the water.

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wood, for F. M	1	00	of Miss Jennie Knowies	10 (	-
Plymouth, L. M. N., for salary of				\$16	00
Miss L. Brackett		00		\$10	00
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West Falmouth, Helping Hands,	. 2	GO	Apponaug, Church, Miss H. Phil-		
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Pawtucket, Auxiliary, for Miss H.	10	00	Champlin, S. S., for Miss I. Phillips' salary	* 00
Phillips' salary and work		50	Sauk Rapids, Miss Juliette E.	5 00
Providence, Roger Williams Church, Auxiliary, do	-	75	Hicks, for working capital	2 00
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Mission Society, do	8	60	MISSOURI.	*/
Providence, do., for Harper's Ferry		58	Springfield, S. L. Dittrick, a	
Providence, Auxiliary, Park St.		-	Zenana teacher	13 00
Church, for Miss H. Phillips'	6	25	The following contributions are a Centennial offering, towards	
Providence, Mrs. M. A. Stone of Greenwich St. Church, do.		-5	building the chapel at Harper's	
of Greenwich St. Church, do.	5	00	Mrs. E. D. Wade, \$10.00	
Providence, Mrs. J. L. Tour- tellot, Greenwich St. Church,			Mrs. E. D. Wade, \$10.00 towards L. M. of F. Nellie	
for Zenana work and to consti-			Wade; Mrs H. Crowell \$1.00;	
tute herself L. M For Incidental Fund	25	00	E. H. Fogg .50; Mrs. F. A. Stevens \$5.00; M. M. Brews-	
Auxiliary, Park Street Church,		70	ter \$5.00; M. G. Osgood \$1.00; Mrs. E. L. Carr \$1.00;	
for Harper's Ferry	5	00	Dr Sarah A Colby Stoon!	
Woonsocket, Ella F. Paine, for Miss H. Phillips' salary and			Annie P. Tilley \$1.00; Mrs, M. A. W. Bachelder \$1.00;	
work		00	M. A. W. Bachelder \$1.00;	
			M. A. Davis \$1.00; Mrs. J. T. Ward \$5.00; A friend	
MICHIGAN.	\$158	15	\$5.00; A. C. Hayes \$2 00;	
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East Liberty and Broadway Churches, for Miss I. Phillips'			Mrs. J. W. Pease \$1.00; Miss	
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Maineville, Church, for F. M		00		
Newton, Mrs. Higgins, for Ze- nana work.		00	Stanton \$2.00; Mrs. D. H. Adams \$5.00; Mrs. J. H.	
Seneca and Huron, Q. M. Aux-			Greeley \$1.00; Nellie M.	
iliary, for F. M	12	49	Adams \$5.00; Mrs. J. H. Greeley \$1.00; Nellie M. Rich \$1.00; Mrs. A. M. Young \$1.00; Mrs. J. Mal- vern \$1.00; Mrs. P. Bundy \$1.00; Affie Miles \$1.00; Proceeds of Centennial Pic-	
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Edgewood, Ladies Aid Society Postville, Mrs. G. W. Hanks,		00	M. M. A. Allis \$5.00; Mis.	
Postville, Mrs. G. W. Hanks, for F. M	1	00	F. K. Chase \$1.00; Mrs. I. D. Stewart \$10.00; Mrs. G.	
Riceville, Mrs. Lavinia Fox, for Miss Ida Phillips' salary		00	F. Mosher \$10.00.	130.14
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DOVER, N. H.			LAURA A. DEMERIT	re.

CORRECTION.— One item in last Helper should have been Sebec Q. M. Auxiliary for support of Anjanee, \$5.; F. M. \$5.; H. M. \$2.; General work, \$3.80; Total, \$15.80.

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The results of the work of the Society during the year just closing, may be seen in part by the following reports of our India and Harper's Ferry workers. We say in part; for the full amount of good accomplished by efforts, feeble though they may have been, put forth in accordance with the last command of the Master, can never be known till revealed by the clear light of eternity.

#### BHIMPORE.

Under date of May 10, Mrs. Burkholder writes: "At the present time seven teachers are being employed in teaching village schools. The number of pupils now is one hundred and twenty-five. Aside from this I am giving a small allowance to a number of girls who attend our training-school for Santals. This enables them to support themselves and attend school. I cannot tell you how thankful I am to the ladies for the funds they have put into my hands, thus enabling me to reach these neglected little ones.

Quite a number of women are reading with our teacher at noon, when they come home from their work. Besides attending the day school, numbers are induced to come to the Sabbath School. The girls training school has hardly more than begun its work. It will take time to overcome the prejudices of these ignorant people and make them feel the advantages of an ordinary education. Every new pupil adds fresh courage to my spirits, and leads me to renewed efforts. It would cheer you to see the pupils gathered in the chapel. Slowly they are learning to improve their personal appearance, so they do not look quite so desolate.

When I see the amount of work to be done I long for the strength of a Samson, and all the means I could use at my command. I trust the Woman's Board will be able to appropriate as much for the work at Bhimpore the coming year as the past, for I shall beg to extend the work as much as possible." Later she says, "We have put up a house which answers the purpose of school and boarding-house for the girls, but we will try to pay for it from some other

funds than what you send us. We have very much to encourage us, though we long to see the work making a more rapid progress.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WORK AT BHIMPORE.

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		Rupees.	Annas.	Pice.	Rupees.	Annas.	Pice.	
	To cash received	90	4					
Feb. 28.	By cash paid for teachers and to school girls To cash received	90	3	*	16	9	6	
Mar. 31. Apr. 9.	By cash paid teachers and girls	90		3	29	12		
May 31.	By cash paid teachers, girls, and for rewards By cash paid teachers, girls, and pundit			1	33	9	6	
July 26.	By cash paid teachers, girls, and pundit To cash received	89	10	• • •	30	13	3	
26.	By cash pd. teachers, girls, and pundit and rewards.			••••	40			
July 31.	To balance	360	12	3	169	70	3	
					360	72	3	

### BALASORE - ZENANA AND DISTRICT WORK.

Miss Ida Phillips writes: "The close of the second year in India finds me in camp some twenty-seven miles from home. Our tent is pitched in the shade of two banyan trees. Our camp-ground is a market-place, and twice a week we are surrounded by noisy venders of all manner of wares. Judging from appearances, we ourselves form one of the chief attractions of the market. From the time when the people begin to assemble until dark, we are hemmed in by dense crowds who have come, as they say, 'to see.'

Standing, as we do, at the close of another year, the question naturally arises, what have been the results of the work of the past twelve months? Though I cannot speak of brilliant successes, I can say that we have had strong evidences that the spirit of the Lord is at work, both in teachers and the taught. The zenana work has gone steadily on, save for

an intermission of about two weeks, during which time the cholera was raging fearfully. Hundreds were taken, in spite of every sanitary precaution. I can think of nothing more hopeless than the death of an idolater. All the tender ties of earth are sundered, and the soul leaves the body, they believe, to take up its abode in some of the lower animals, or

to be cast into a most indefinable place of torture. The Christian religion seems tenfold more precious when contrasted with the dark belief of a Hindoo.

After the cholera had been raging some time, one of my teachers said to me: 'Truly this scourge has been of some use to the kingdom of Christ. There was an old man in one of the houses who used to abuse us and drive us from the house, even after his sons invited us to come and teach their wives. He has gone, and now we can teach anything we like.'

I am glad to say that the work done by the pupils has been better this year than before. The people are also doing much better about paying for their instruction. Though I cannot boast of great amounts, my subscription list is constantly lengthening. I am now able to report seventy scholars in my little schools. One of my schools is three miles out of town. The people came to me and requested that I send them a teacher. They have subscribed the amount of the teacher's salary, and receive from the zenana fund only about one dollar per month for incidental expenses. I want to ask a little help for two of my schools. One needs a house, and another a more competent teacher. The former was held for several months on the veranda of a private house, which was burned a short time since, and the little flock are now house-The children have been doing so finely that I cannot bear for them to be scattered. A good school-house would not cost more than \$25. A part of this I can probably raise among the babus here. Will not some of the kind home friends send a few of their spare quarters and make up the amount? A teacher for the other school will cost about \$4.50 per month. I can only afford now to pay \$1.50. I am very anxious about this, as some of the girls in the school have gone as far as their teacher can carry them, and they wish to continue their studies. They promise, in time, to make good teachers.

The class for the instruction of zenana teachers has increased considerably in size, and under the able instruction of Bhim Charan Panda, head-master of the mission school, are improving in their studies. I have spent a little over a month in district work this year. Almost without exception, we found the work encouraging. In Bhudruch, the people still call for a permanent missionary. I am sure our friends at home cannot realize how very much another missionary is

needed in Orissa.

I am employing at present thirteen teachers; but one of them is supported by the native gentleman where she teaches. We have decided to take charge of a school in Sorah, twenty-five miles from here. It was here we found so encouraging work a year ago. The school numbers about twenty pupils, and should have thirty or forty, as the locality is a good one.

It has a small grant from government, and we were requested to take charge of it by the Deputy Inspector. The funds appropriated for our work have held out well, though we have been obliged to be economical. I fancy all missionaries find this necessary. I have been obliged to purchase a new conveyance for my zenana teachers, as the old one had come very much to resemble Oliver Wendell Holmes' "Wonderful One-Horse Shay."

The statistics for the year are as follows: —

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Total numl	oer of	pupi	ls,				•	181
Average,								156
Number of	teacl	ners,		•	•			13
Average,				•				10

#### MIDNAPORE - RAGGED SCHOOLS.

Aug. 16. Mrs. Phillips writes: "Our work among the poor has prospered far beyond my most sanguine expectations. We now enroll between three and four hundred pupils, and have schools in twelve different parts of the city. In one of them, the high caste children come and sit side by side with the low caste, and recite with them. Some friendly babus have helped us not a little. We have been enabled, so far, to work on a most economical basis. Not a teacher rides to her work, though some have a daily walk of two miles, while others, with perfect security, go where it was considered unsafe for women. Neither do we spend a pice for house-rent or books for the children. We induce the babus to give us houses, and they buy their own books. But as these children grow up, we wish to fit them more thoroughly for respectable positions than can possibly be done in these schools. An 'Industrial' has been suggested. Funds are wanting for so great an undertaking, and we turn again to the Woman's Society. You have asked how much we can use, four hundred dollars? Yes, eight hundred, and give you a strict account of every pice. With grateful hearts for the two hundred you sent the past year, we are longing to

know how much you can give us this year, that we may plan

our work accordingly.

We now employ twenty-two native women in teaching, and two men. Miss Hattie Phillips teaches the women one session daily, and they teach the others. The Bible students assist in our Ragged Sabbath Schools, and go where the schools are taught, to preach and talk to the children and parents. One whole family has declared its determination to be Christians. Remembering your timely aid with gratitude, we beg of you to do as much more than last year as possible."

#### DANTOON.

Miss Hattie Phillips writes from Dantoon: -

The past year has brought deep bereavement to the central stations, though no less truly to the whole Mission. But our Father, who "deals gently and loves mercy" has not permitted us to be destroyed, though we have been cast down. The removal of my dear father from the post he had held with so much of physical suffering, yet with unwavering fidelity, left this station for the greater part of the entire year in new and untried hands. During the first two months my sister Julia was in charge. From that time, after but five months' experience with the language and people, it has fallen to my lot to carry on, as best I could, a work which has called constantly, and at times very loudly, for an experienced missionary. But for the strong arm of the Lord, which is always extended to help a weak child, and the occasional and cheering visits of the missionary appointed to the charge of the central stations, it would have been a year of burdens heavy indeed. During this time I have had as co-laborers for a few days or weeks at a time, as the case might be, Miss Hooper, Miss Bacheler, or one of my sisters, never being left alone more than ten days at a time. For about two months during the cold season I was in the district, and the station was in charge of the native preacher located here.

Our work among the women and children (especially the latter), which opened so flatteringly a year ago, has not received a correspondingly zealous support from the natives throughout the year. The novelty of the enterprise gone, the girl's school has encountered at times bitter and persistent opposition, but it still lives and does good work. Its entire roll numbers thirty names, but its average attendance has not exceeded fifteen. Within the past two months another

school has been opened, and has already enrolled thirty names, though with an average attendance far below that number.

Among the women, we have lost scarcely any pupils except by their removal from the place, or by our own choice, for reasons which seemed to make it unwise to retain them. During the year about forty women have received instruction. Those who have remained have made very encouraging progress, and as a rule listen with interest to the reading and exposition of a portion of Scripture which forms a part of the regular lesson. Although I can report no conversions, still, from the conversation of our pupils themselves, and from the fact that our work has again and again aroused opposition, I can but feel that the truths which have been imparted have already done not a little to undermine the superstitions which have their strongest hold in the hearts of the women.

A feature of our work, which, I believe, is peculiar to Dantoon, is the Sunday morning Bible reading (in English) with the leading babus of the place. It was begun at their own request while my father was here, and with few interruptions, continues till the present time. As yet they make no move toward professing Christianity, but by their own confession they have lost all faith in Hinduism, and I feel sure the Bible has proved itself to them a wonderful book, if not the Book of books. The regular services with the native Christians are a sermon and Bible-lesson on the Sabbath, the weekly prayer-meeting, and family worship every evening. At each and all of these outsiders are frequently present.

Not to farther protract this report, let me say that though our isolated situation has subjected us to frequent opposition, and impositions that would have feared to show themselves under other circumstances, yet can we rely implicitly upon Him who has said, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." On this, and many other precious, precious promises we stand, ready, heart and hand, for the work of another year.

Miss Phillips is now in Midnapore, engaged in training female teachers, a work for which she seems particularly adapted. In a recent letter she says: "So Dantoon seems doomed to a long season of desertion. I so much wish there was a man and his wife to take charge of the station."

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF DANTOON ZENANA WORK FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1880.

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	Rupees.	Annas.	Pice.		Rupees.	Annas.	Pice.
Salary of teacher		11		Bal. rec'd from J. Phillips Ladies' Society	26	9	9
Salary of syce	70					13	6
Sundries Balance in hand	4	4 5	9 6	Sundries	1	2	
Total	255	2	3	Total	255	2	3

#### JELLASORE.

Miss Crawford writes: "I am now employing ten girls with funds sent by the Woman's Society, and have also to pay women something for attending them. Some of the girls, who teach forenoon and afternoon, have three rupees each, monthly; those who study part of the day have less. Just now two of my schools are suspended on account of small-pox, but we hope they will be opened soon."

#### MIDNAPORE - ZENANA WORK.

From Mrs. Bacheler's report we learn that she and her daughter Mary are visiting forty-eight zenana houses, with about eighty pupils. These are constantly changing. "The work," she says, "was never so interesting as now. I love it dearly. I will tell you the daily routine of Mary and myself. Early morn till 9 o'clock, I in school, Mary at zenanas. Breakfast, ten to eleven. Mary hears a class in Bengali. Eleven to twelve she spends with her father in the Dispensary. Then till two, do whatever we have to do, and rest. Dinner at two, which is the time for the teachers to come to their school and work. I have them till three, then Mary takes them till four. From four till five she prepares the morrow's lessons, and from five till six, finishes the lessons with the teachers. We get out a little after this if we can. So ends the day."

#### A COURSE OF STUDY FOR TEACHERS.

In a report of her last quarter's work, Miss Mary Bacheler says: "It was decided that all our teachers needed a course of study to better fit them for their work. Miss Hattie Phillips was the teacher selected for the wives of the Bible stu-

dents and Mrs. Phillips' teachers, and I for our zenana teachers; Mrs. Burkholder, at Bhimpore, gives instruction to her own teachers. The studies were given out during the April Quarterly Meeting. I have prepared the lessons, taught more or less by a pundit, and have always devoted much time to preparing them. In addition to the zenana school, I have taught in two zenanas, visiting them twice a week."

### HARPER'S FERRY.

#### MRS. BRACKETT'S REPORT.

We can report a larger school, with teachers in better health, and hence able to work more constantly, than in any previous year. Also a greater increase of our library, which has outgrown its small room, and now fills several shelves in the next, where there is ample space for it still to grow.

While, during the past year, we have had more than usual to cheer us in our work, there have been some discouraging developments. As we have a larger number of the young to deal with, we are forced to the conclusion that too many of the children, especially in the villages, are growing up no better than their slave parents. This is not to be wondered at, when we learn how many of the mothers are obliged to leave their families to earn the means of supporting them. We see no remedy for this, except by such means as will improve the mothers and diminish the necessity of going out to The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society has aided a larger number of girls than ever before. Seventyfive, at least, received assistance, while others were indirectly helped by the Society's appropriations for the pay of teachers. Doubtless the ladies will wish to learn the result of the experiment for which the Society made an appropriation at its last annual meeting, - an appropriation to furnish and heat a cook-room and study for the use of the girls, and provide the opportunity of giving them instruction in home work. has been, to teachers and pupils, a constant source of comfort and occasion for gratitude. No one who has had the management of young people needs to be informed that new methods are always attended with some friction.

This experiment has not entirely been an exception, though the friction was less and the cooperation of those interested much more general than we had anticipated. As we look over the mistakes of the past, we hope for great improvement another year, if the appropriation is continued, as I am certain it will be if the ladies understand its import-

ance to our work. The experiment revealed to us a greater need than we had realized, opened to us greater opportunities, but at the same time made plain that the work could not be done with as little of our own oversight and labor as we had hoped. So little of our time and strength could be withdrawn from other duties, that we cannot, as we hoped to do, report systematic, but only occasional instruction in sewing, etc. The results, thus far, are as follows: The rooms above the basement have escaped becoming cook-Each girl boarding herself found ready, out of study hours, a stove to warm or cook her food, and was thus saved a large part of the expense for fuel. Those who chose to use the study-room, — and they were many, — were saved nearly the whole of that expense, and all have had a cheerful, well-lighted room, the refining influences of which cannot be over-estimated. It has given us an opportunity to know more of their domestic habits, which can be made available for improving those that need it, if we can have sufficient help to get the time for it. On this same condition depends adequate instruction in sewing, etc., the importance of which is acknowledged by all. Its imperative necessity would also be evident, if all could see as we here do, how great is the want of it, and how the elevation of the race must be brought about by making it possible for them to have better homes, with mothers sufficiently skilled in the kinds of work that can be done at home, to be able to stay there with their daughters, rendering the needful help for the support of their families, without depriving them of their watchful care. How much shall be done in this direction depends entirely on our having the means to retain as teachers the two young ladies, who for two years have served as assistant pupils, but now having completed their studies, will be obliged to seek occupation elsewhere, if we have not the means to employ them. The fitness of the proposition already made, that the F. B. W. M. S. pay the salary of one, is plainly seen when we consider that this seems the only feasible plan by which this much-needed instruction can be given the girls, in any systematic way, or to any extent.

It has taken us long to realize the debasing side of all these years of servitude. Deriving our ideas from *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, and the few fugitives we met, it is not strange that when the time for action came we thought these people needed only the schoolmaster and the ballot to make them intelligent, respected citizens. As we never lacked sympathy

for the slave, may we not fail to do all that devolves upon us to lift our country out of the heathenism to which, more or less, the contaminating touch of slavery degraded every piece of God's handiwork with which it came in contact.

#### THE FUTURE.

No one, after carefully reading the above reports, can doubt that the appropriations of the Society, larger than ever before, have been wisely expended. Surely none can fail to be thankful, who have had the privilege of aiding these busy workers who are giving the strength of their womanhood, some of them the dew of their youth, to a work, the results of which are so momentous. But the question arises, Have each of us aided in this work to the extent of our ability?

The record of the past is completed, but the future is before us. Standing on the threshold of that future, shall it not be our purpose to consecrate ourselves more fully to this enterprise than which none can be grander, none nobler?

The field is so broad, the work so vast, that the help of each one is needed. For this reason, we again urge that auxiliary societies be formed in those churches where none now exist. But does some one say, "I am doing all I can." Is this true? Can it be said of any of us?

Said the devoted Dr. Duff, almost with his dying breath, "The church is playing at missions." Truly it seems so, when the whole Christian world is bestowing one cent a year only for the salvation of each soul of the race.

Again we ask, what of the future? Shall the requests of our missionaries and teachers, for larger appropriations the coming year, be granted? It is a question for each Free Baptist woman to answer. The Board can bestow only what is placed in its hands. If each individual will but pay the trifling sum asked, two cents a week, how bright will the future be. Our toilers abroad will no longer be cramped for means to carry on their work, while the busy workers of the home field will not plead vainly for teachers, that the success of their work imperatively demands. My sisters, what shall be our response to these appeals? Ours is the responsibility. It cannot be evaded.

Mrs. J. A. Lowell.

# HOME DEPARTMENT.

Another twelve-month has rolled by, and to-day we complete the seventh year of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. The achievements of these seven years, though not on a large scale, have been sufficiently numerous and successful to afford ample ground for encouragement and gratitude.

#### WORKERS.

We can but recognize the good hand of our God in the preserved lives and energies of all those that have been active from the beginning in this organization. Especially does this demand our grateful acknowledgment because of the most valued of the number, and best equipped for service, both in council and in action, she who stands first, has for years been a veteran, but is still in the full vigor of youthful energy and enthusiasm; while her equanimity amid trials, her unwavering faith and hopefulness, her ever-broadening sympathies and her unwearied diligence in well-doing, make her presence continually like a genial but bracing atmosphere, at once a comfort and a stimulus to her younger co-laborers.

It is a pleasure to be reminded to-day of the steadily, though slowly, returning strength of our former devoted Home Secretary, Mrs. Jordan, whose health, already frail, was quite broken down by her exertions and anxieties to help forward the work of this Society. Let us not fail to hold her in our faith, that from these days of physical weakness she may soon be led forth in even greatly increased spiritual strength. Miss Cilley, our efficient Western Secretary, has been, by a series of prostrations, compelled since June, to serve by waiting, instead of her accustomed diligent working. Her strength—the Lord be praised!—is now returning. May it be greatly blessed, as it will be freely used in the service of His kingdom.

Since the amount accomplished by this Society depends, under God, upon the faith and effort of the individual women in the churches, we do well to-day to make grateful mention of the grace that has been sufficient, and the strength that has proved equal to the day, of so many noble women. These ladies have gone forward, "faint yet pursuing," often single handed and alone, — as far as human strength and companionship are concerned, — in a work new to them and

heavy, but which had their sympathies because it was plainly a work for Jesus and those He longs to bless. And so, with the indispensable grain of faith, they have overcome obstacles; removed mountains of indifference and inertia; sometimes quietly and persistently even stemming the tide of opposition, in His sweet spirit who was with them, until that very tide has turned and brought up to their side scores of coadjutors. The fruits of this consecrated energy have been seen especially in the public meetings that have been held, and in the blessed practical results of those meetings.

And here we would not fail to mention the great help the ladies have found for the interest and profit of these meetings in the letters of our dear missionaries, who, though far away, are still our strong allies in the work at home. God bless them! Let us not, one day, fail to lift up our hearts in prayer for them and their work, and for the native helpers

and those they are teaching.

#### OUR ORGANIZATION.

Our system of organization is simple, and so flexible as to be easily adapted to varying circumstances; even rudimentary at first, it was expected that, as growth and progress should develop the need, it would go on toward completeness. In several localities advancement has been made in this direction by organizing State or District Societies. Thus the church auxiliaries are brought into closer intercourse with each other, and the power of their interest and effort, as well as of their faith, is increased by concentration. The influence of these district organizations must be felt throughout the churches thus combined, in a better mutual acquaintance and consequent increased good-fellowship. This closer union of sympathies, binding them as in one family, will add largely to their fervor and strength for every good work.

The meetings which have been provided for by District Secretaries and others, to be held in connection with the quarterly and annual gatherings of the churches, have resulted in these district organizations; and these in turn have given a marked life and interest to the meetings. And so the importance of a pervasive and exact system becomes from year to year more and more apparent. In last year's report of The Woman's Board of Missions (Congregational) occurs this remark: "As far as human plans are concerned, we have reason to believe that our main strength lies

in our thorough system of organization." This Board has in the New England States, New York and Pennsylvania, twenty "Branches" and four "Conference Associations;" auxiliary societies not less than twenty in number constituting a "Branch," and a less number a "Conference Association. Each "Branch" and "Association" has its complete corps of officers, the presidents of the branches being vice-presidents of the general Society and members of its board of directors. Each branch may make such regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution of the Woman's Board, as it may wish. This system, which having been tried is found so highly conducive to strength, commends itself to us, and it has been reached by degrees. We have made a good and promising beginning. Our divisions have been made by districting — a method plainly the most convenient for us. And it may be confidently hoped that we are steadily approaching a no less thorough system of organization than those which have been attained, to so great advantage, by all the older Woman's Missionary Societies. As has been said, several district organizations already exist. These ought to include, for the churches' sake as well as for Jesus' sake, every church within their respective limits; the object being not so much that any church do great things, as that each cheerfully do a little, according to its ability. will the points become more numerous from which faith will ascend, and light will go forth for the blessing and illumining of the dark places of the earth.

Indispensable as system is seen to be, both in the successful operations of men and in all the works of nature, something else is still more important, namely: that there be *life* in the organism. With us, in an organization whose object is to extend the blessings of Christian civilization, and first of all to make known the loving life and spirit of Jesus, it is obviously of highest importance that every part be vitalized by union with the Living Head, who through His loyal members is, in our generation, more rapidly than ever before, carrying forward His kingdom into all the earth. This union will plainly require of every officer strict faithfulness to the duties

and responsibilities intrusted to her.

#### OUR MAGAZINE.

No other agency we employ at home exerts probably a hundredth part of the power for good that is wielded by the silent but vital pages of the Missionary Helper. Projected as it was at first in prayer, at the risk of personal loss, with

the sole object of helping to extend the kingdom of Christ; with painful distrust of ourselves, but strong confidence in God, it has had, from its first issue, most cheering tokens of

His favor and blessing.

And now we cannot doubt that it would please the Lord that this little messenger should find its way to many and many more minds and homes. For it is an enlightener concerning the spiritual condition of the world which HE so loves who hears our prayers! It is a reminder of the debt we owe Him, and which is to be paid, so far as we can pay it, to His needy ones on earth. It is a revealer of ways and a suggester of means, by which we can easily reach and help those that are in painful need of what God has given us the power to supply. It is a witness of the blessing that distils surely and sweetly upon the heart and the store of the individual and the church that blesses others.

The blessing of God is seen in the external prosperity of our magazine — in its financial success and the favor with which it is received. But most of all do we recognize Him in the spirit and the strength that mould and control its inner work. For this especially do we thank Him, while we are grateful also for its external success. And let us not fail to commend it still to God for more and more of His power within, and his favor without. And now, is there not at least one person in every church within our borders, east and west, whose effort shall be cheerfully given, in the next two months, to increase the number of subscribers for the Missionary Helper?

#### CHILDREN'S BANDS.

Not a few valuable accessions have been made this year to the number of children's bands. In regard to these, of one thing there can be no doubt: that every such accession has in it the seed of blessing and moral safeguard for the children themselves; and the promise of enhanced intelligence and benevolence, and hence larger prosperity for the church of the future. For these reflex results we may confidently look; and the direct effect will be enlightenment and joy, hitherto unknown, for some of the present generation of earth's sorrowful children; and then for those whom these must influence on and on into the future. Blessed, blessed work for our darlings! May we find that they put not their little hands to another so rich in fruitage, nor so beautiful, to Him who sees the end from the beginning. It must be that Jesus is glad to see anywhere a company of His favored

youths combining their strength to send light and joy to any of the many multitudes of miserable little ones, over

whom His own soul is moved with compassion.

There is yet something wanting between the children's bands and the auxiliary societies. This missing link would be supplied by young ladies' mission circles. When this lack is met, who can foretell what added enthusiasm and power will be infused into our whole system. In small churches it is generally best, however, for the young ladies to join the auxiliaries and work with them. They are often also honorary members and directors of the children's bands.

#### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD.

Every woman that has done within the past year what she could, be it much or little, toward extending the Gospel and its blessings, both at home and abroad; every one, especially, that has for this high purpose gone trustingly forward, even in dark places, and in new and difficult experiences, will surely say, looking back at this hour: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" And now shall we not all add, as we step upon the threshold of a new year: Henceforth we will trust Him at all times, shrinking from nothing He may give us to do,—resting upon the sure word, "My God shall supply all your need!"

One District Secretary says, referring to church auxiliaries, "The burden of carrying on the work falls upon the faithful few." Happy and rare are the churches that can say, that remark does not apply here. But however true in general this remark may be, something else which has great comfort in it is also true: that every church of Christ has its faithful few, and when their attention is called to the commands of their Lord in regard to a world lying in wickedness, they will give heed; and so new companies are constantly rising in the churches and joining these active ranks. This is a token full of promise both for the kingdom of Christ in this country, and for some fearfully dark spots on the earth. Take courage, then, ye poor, waiting, sister women, sitting to-day in those dark places, with your bright, neglected children; groups are rising almost every week — east and west — in this bright land, with purpose fixed in their true hearts to give you, too, the light of life.

Mrs. B. F. HAYES,

# DISTRICT REPORTS.

#### MAINE.

PENOBSCOT DISTRICT - SECRETARY, Mrs. E. D. WADE.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Ellsworth, Mrs. C. Harding, Aroostook, Miss R. A. Thurlough, Exeter, Mrs. O. P. Frost, Houlton, Mrs. H. Haskell.

Montville, Mrs. E. G. EASTMAN. Prospect and Unity, Mrs. R. FILES. Sebec, Mrs. H. W. STEVENS. Springfield, Mrs. S. M. HAGGETT.

Ellsworth Q. M. comprises only quite small churches. It has no church auxiliaries, but has a Q. M. Society of twenty-nine members, with twenty subscribers to the Helper; maintains interesting public missionary meetings and supports a native teacher.

Aroostook Q. M. has two auxiliaries, one of which has been formed this year. Number of members, thirty-five. Subscribers to the Helper, nineteen. It has one children's band, just organized. Supports one native teacher, Jessie.

Exeter has a Q. M. Society which supports a native teacher. It has also four church auxiliaries and two bands. The Bangor auxiliary, of twenty-seven members, and twenty-five subscribers to the Helper, has been formed but about a year.

Houlton church has a children's band "The Gleaners"—numbering twenty-five members; takes one share in the salary of the Children's Missionary, and sends \$5.00 for the Ragged Schools at Midnapore. Danforth church has an auxiliary of twenty-five members. This is a young church, organized less than two years ago, but it has true, stirring women in it, and they are doing a good work.

The Rockland church, within the Montville Q. M., has an auxiliary of thirty-five members and twelve subscribers to the

HELPER.

Sebec Q. M. society supports a native teacher, Anjanee, a Santal, under the superintendence of Mrs. Burkholder. They sustain quarterly public meetings, which are growing in favor with the public. There are also in this Q. M. two church auxiliaries and two bands.

At the last two sessions of the Penobscot Y. M., we have had most excellent public meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society. Our last, at Dexter, was one of great interest, and cannot fail to produce good results. Real advancement has been made in the last two years in this district. Knowledge of our missionaries, their work and its needs, has

been extended; and with this increase of knowledge an interest has sprung up in many hearts and homes that were previously indifferent — or worse, opposed — to this glorious cause. Quite a number of young ladies have taken hold of the work with a zeal that is truly commendable — a fact that fills our hearts with gratitude. There is before us a great work to be done, and we hope much from the enthusiasm and energy of these bright, strong, young lives. Mrs. E. D. WADE.

PENOBSCOT AUXILIARIES AND CHILDREN'S BANDS.

Auxiliaries — Abbott, Bangor, Burnham, Corinth, East Corinth, Dover and Foxcroft, South Dover, Danforth, Ellsworth, Exeter, Fort Fairfield, Garland, Pittsfield, Presque Isle, Rockland, St. Albans.

Bands — Abbott, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, "The Gleaners," Dover and Foxcroft, South Dover, Houlton, Milo,

Pittsfield.

Many persons connected with no auxiliary send contributions.

Maine Central District — Secretary, Mrs. E. N. Fernald.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Bowdoin, Mrs. C. F. PENNEY. | Farmington, Mrs. J. G. BUTLER.

It is most encouraging to be able to report the work of this Society in our district as one of the established channels of Christian endeavor. It has extended until it now includes quite a large sisterhood of auxiliaries, working with a common aim, and in this labor of love drawing nearer to each other and to the great Master whom we are striving to serve and honor. We are conscious, however, that we are still but "a little one," and that the usefulness and strength of the work of this Society are languishing for the sympathy and aid of the many who have as yet given no sign of help.

The Anson Q. M. has five auxiliaries, two of which have been formed within the last three months. Of these we have a report only from the Society at Athens, which has twenty-six members, has raised \$25.00, and supports a native

teacher, and is working intelligently and faithfully.

Bowdoin Q. M. has thirteen auxiliaries, five of which have been organized this year, and four children's bands,—one recently formed. These auxiliaries, exclusive of the bands, include 345 members. They have raised this year \$562.60, support seven native teachers, and read 240 copies of the

HELPER. For four years the pastors have regularly assigned one hour of the Q. M. to the Woman's Missionary Society, and many of them have repeatedly said, "This has been the best hour of the session."

The Farmington Q. M. has seven auxiliaries, three of which have been formed during this year. The Q. M. Secretary writes that she has received but two reports for the last quarter. The statistics are therefore only partially given. As far as known, these auxiliaries have 115 members, have raised this year \$72.00, take sixteen copies of the Helper, and support one native teacher.

From 'the Waterville and Edgecomb Q. Ms. no reports have been received.

Mrs. E. N. Fernald.

Auxiliaries—in this district—N. Anson, Athens, Auburn, Augusta, Bath, West Bowdoin (Second Lisbon Church), Bowdoinham, Brunswick (First), Brunswick Village, E. Dixfield, Farmington, Farmington Falls, Gardiner, Hallowell, Kingfield, New Portland, E. New Portland, Litchfield, Lewiston (Main St.), Lewiston (Pine St.), E. New Sharon, North New Sharon, Topsham, Weld.

Bands reported — Augusta, Bath, West 'Bowdoin, "Mite Gatherers," Lewiston (Main St.), "Seed Sowers."

MAINE WESTERN DISTRICT — SECRETARY, Miss AVILDA HASTY (NOW Mrs. STAPLES, OF MINNESOTA).

## Q. M. Secretaries.

Otisfield, Mrs. J. M. PEASE.\*

| So. Parsonsfield, Mrs. F. C. BRADEEN.

This district sends no official report, its secretary having been nearly all the year in Minnesota, though still giving some attention to the duties of her office. There are known to be some very excellent, active auxiliaries in this district. The Saco church has an auxiliary of sixty-four members; take sixty-three Helpers. They hold a regular monthly prayer-meeting for missions. These are interesting occasions, sometimes as many as ten prayers being offered. Who can tell how significant of blessing and help to our missionaries this simple fast may be! A very good public meeting was held in connection with the winter session of the Otisfield Q. M., at Harrison, before Mrs. Pease left that Q. M. Of one of the children's bands in this district, their pastor, Rev. Mr. Twort, remarked, "I am sure it would do our missionaries good to hear these children pray for them."

<sup>\*</sup> Mrs. Pease removed, early in the year, to West Buxton, in Cumberland Q, M.

Auxiliaries — as far as known — Biddeford, West Buxton, North Berwick, West Falmouth, South Limington, Limerick, Lyman, East Otisfield, East Parsonsfield, South Parsonsfield, Portland.

Bands — as far as known — "Little Seed Sowers," (Portland); "Little Helpers," (Limerick); "Little Gleaners," (South Parsonsfield); "Windham Children's Band;" "Young People's Band," (Raymond); West Falmouth Band.

As in every other state, so in Maine, contributions are sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society by ladies who reside where there is no organized auxiliary. Amount remitted to the treasurer from this district during the year, \$320.43.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, Mrs. F. S. MOSHER.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Rockingham, Mrs. F. K. CHASE. | Belknap, Mrs. J. C. Osgood.

We are glad to report more money raised this year than the one previous. From September, 1878, to September, 1879, the sum was \$594. This year, including the money subscribed by New Hampshire women on the centennial offering for the new chapel at Harper's Ferry, and which is not included in the Treasurer's report of sums donated by different churches, New Hampshire has given over \$800. This increase is due in part to the generous donation of Mrs. Harvey Brown, of Bristol, who has given \$200, and also in part to the interest in securing a working capital.

The interest in our public meetings has been decidedly more enthusiastic than ever before. In connection with the Q. M. at Pittsfield, we held a meeting for prayer and consultation. It was well attended and not a person left before it closed. We were allotted a half-hour of the public service, which was occupied by a report and address. The Rockingham, New Durham, and Belknap Q. Ms. have all had exercises in connection with their sessions, and some of them have been very interesting and profitable.

There are some pastors and pastors' wives who have hitherto not favored woman's societies, now working in earnest with us. Owing to the removal of some leading missionary workers, one or two Q. Ms. have met with serious loss. I feel assured that if a woman could devote considerable time to mission work, both in writing letters and visiting churches, New Hampshire might do as much the next year

in advance of this as she has the past in advance of the one And, seeing so plainly what can be done, I feel it a duty to again urge my resignation as District Secretary, promising to do all I can to aid any one, but begging to be relieved from duties which I have not possibly MRS. F. S. MOSHER. the time to fulfill.

Auxiliaries - Washington Street, Dover, New Hampton, New Market, Laconia, Madison Social Circle, Candia Village, Danville, Northwood Ridge, Ashland, Concord, Bris-

tol, Whitefield.

Bands — Whitefield, Belmont, Laconia, Dover "Pearl Seekers," New Hampton "Mission Helpers," Ashland "Mission Helpers," Lake Village "Children's Bands," Milton Mills "Busy Bees."

Contributions are received from the following places:— Rochester, Center Sandwich, North Sandwich, Warner, Franklin, Tamworth Iron Works, Water Village, East Wakefield, Wolfboro'.

#### VERMONT.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, Mrs. F. P. EATON. Q. M. Secretaries.

Corinth, Mrs. F. P. EATON. Enosburg, Mrs. R. J. RUSSELL. Huntington, Mrs. R. A. NEWHALL. Wheelock, Mrs. J. M. PRESCOTT. Strafford, Mrs. O. R. TRACY. Stanstead P. Q., Miss F. R. MOULTON.

The work has been going forward in this district during the present year. Every Q. M. has its secretary, and some of them are very efficient. We report fourteen auxiliaries.

From some of these we have not received full reports.

Interesting meetings are held by the auxiliary societies, and also in connection with our Quarterly Meetings. Calls for aid in the different departments of mission work are readily responded to by some of our noble sisters; not, indeed, in large donations, but the added littles accomplish Many of our churches are weak, but they do not on much. this account refuse to do what they can. May the interest of no one be less the coming year, but rather as knowledge of our work increases, may many more fall into the ranks. Mrs. F. P. EATON.

Auxiliaries - Compton, Corinth, North Danville, Highgate, East Randolph, South Strafford, Stanstead, P. Q., Sutton, St. Johnsbury, East Orange, West Topsham, Tunbridge, Waterbury, East Williamston.

Bands reported - St. Johnsbury, North Tunbridge, Lyndon

Center, "Little Helpers."

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### MASSACHUSETTS.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. A. WARES.

I am sorry that a complete report of this small district cannot be given. If the time of the annual meetings of the various auxiliaries could be so changed as to bring it a little before the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, a correct report might be obtained.\* This Q. M. has three auxiliaries, with a membership of one hundred and sixty-four. Subscribers to the Helper, about two hundred and forty. Money contributed during the year, about \$160. Beside the auxiliaries we have several children's bands.

Mrs. A. WARES.

Auxiliaries — Haverhill, Lowell, Page St., East Somerville.

Bands — Haverhill, Lynn, Lowell (Page St.), Lowell
(Mount Vernon Church), "Little Mission Helpers."

Contributions are sent also from Abington, Amesbury, Taunton, Charlestown, and other places where there are no auxiliary societies.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. LEWIS DEXTER.

The accepted work of supporting a missionary, has, we trust, with two years of success become one of surety and love rather than uncertainties and fears. Encouraged by these auspicious results, we hope the faith of the dear sisters will not shrink from assuming greater responsibilities. Our endeavors have been to reach every church with systematic methods of work, and, through faithful assistants, we have been enabled to make advancement. Not a little is due to Miss Mary E. French, for our progressive steps in this She visited the churches quite generally, and with her earnest, heartfelt words, stirred many a lukewarm soul to active interest. Western Rhode Island has largely increased her activity for missions through the labors of Miss French and our efficient co-worker in that Q. M. Individual churches in this district show an admirably growing missionary spirit, as well as larger contributions. We are especially glad to notice that the interest evinced by the sisters in foreign work has awakened a greater readiness to respond to other calls. The demands of the hour in relation to the freedmen have

<sup>\*</sup> If all the auxiliaries in all the States could hold their Annual Meetings the first week in September, it would greatly facilitate the making out of the reports.

A. C. H.

reached and moved many hearts to responsive action; and we trust that ere another annual meeting, more signal steps will have been taken toward helping carry forward the standard of righteousness and knowledge among these, God's lowly ones. Subscribers to the Helper in this district, 411. Amount remitted, \$636.20.

Mrs. L. Dexter.

Auxiliaries — Auburn, Blackstone, Carolina Mills, Olneyville, Pascoag, Pawtucket, Providence — Roger Williams Church, Roger Williams Young People's Society, Pond Street, Park Street, Greenwich Street, — Greenville, Foster Union.

Bands — Blackstone, Farnumsville, Olneyville "Cup Bearers," Pascoag "Young People's Mission," Pawtucket, Roger Williams "Busy Gleaners," Park Street "Helping Hands," Greenwich Street "Mission Helpers," Greenville "Mission Band."

#### CENTRAL OHIO.

### DISTRICT SECRETARY, MRS. J. B. LASH.

We are glad to report a steady advancement in the interest of missions. An effort was made a year ago, at the Yearly Meeting, to make a more thorough organization, and so secure greater efficiency. And we believe there has been more systematic work done since then than in any previous year. The quarterly reports have been more promptly sent in, and each society reports progress, and a determination to do more in the future. The secretaries have not mentioned the amount of money collected, and therefore I am unable to give the exact amount, but think I am safe in saying over \$100. The amount raised during the last quarter is \$18,68. Expended as follows: \$35 paid to Rev. S. D. Bates, Treasurer of State Association, for our State Missionary, Miss Nellie Phillips, and the remainder sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society, Miss L. A. DeMeritte. We have ninety-six subscribers for the HELPER; not as many as we ought to have. I shall do what I can for it the coming year.

May the dear Saviour bless you all abundantly, and give us all great earnestness in working for the building up of His kingdom; and may He enable us to accomplish more the coming year than we have in any year of the past.

Mrs. J. B. Lash.

#### MICHIGAN.

DISTRICT SECRETARY, Mrs. MARY P. PLATT.

Q. M. Secretaries.

Mrs. F. F. Bailey. Mrs. N. M. Pugsley. Mrs. Sutfin. Mrs. Perry Sheldon. Mrs. Tunis Link. Miss Anna Stockwell.

One year ago there were but two Q. M. Woman's Missionary Societies in this Yearly Meeting: the Grand Rapids and Genesee. The former had been in existence twenty-nine years; the latter was organized two years ago. Mrs. Bailey, Secretary of the Grand Rapids Society, reports: "This Society has no organization in the individual churches, but elects its officers at the May session of the Quarterly Meeting." These good people show their faith by their works, and the result adds \$121.68 to the treasury. Beside this, Mrs. Harriet Martindale gives \$25. annually, for the support of a zenana teacher.

Mrs. Pugsley reports for the Genesee Q. M. as follows: Number of church societies, five; number of members, eightyone; number of MISSIONARY HELPERS taken, thirty; money raised during the year, \$83.96. The interest in mission work

was never greater than at present.

Rev. J. B. Drew recently visited the Oxford Q. M. and organized a Missionary Society. He received forty pledges, and a deep interest was manifested in the work. I regret that I am not able to give a fuller report from them. There are

three auxiliaries in Oxford O. M.

Miss Cilley attended the May session of the River Basin Q. M., and assisted in organizing a Q. M. Woman's Missionary Society. She reports that the ministers, laymen, and women took up the work with that unity and enthusiasm that makes success sure. A deacon remarked; "We have needed such an organization for years, and I thank God that I have lived to see this day. Now let us go home and push the work in the churches, and God will bless us." The Manchester church organized a society the next week. The Macon and the Wampler's Lake churches organized auxiliaries in June. A few of our Q. M's. have no missionary organization. Who will help them? Are the ministers, as well as the women, ready for this work?

Miss I. L. Barker, Secretary of the "Lansing Mission Band," reports, "Our band was organized in June of 1879. Number of members, twenty-three; amount of money raised, up to April, \$27.18. A part of the money goes for the support of a zenana

teacher, and \$5.00 toward the salary of Miss Ida Phillips." These young people are laboring under no small discouragements, as they have no pastor to lead them in their efforts, or speak to them the needed words of cheer.

The Van Buren Q. M. has a Woman's Missionary Society, organized June 15. Mrs. Sheldon, the Secretary, reports: "We have no church societies; but in each church there is a Vice-

president of this Society who acts as collector.

Amount of money raised for this year, divided thus: For Home Missions, \$47.14; Foreign Missions, \$14.22; Education Society & 22, 24, 27, 27

tion Society, \$2.22; total, \$63.58."

I regret that from the Mont Calm Q. M., I have as yet no report, though I learn indirectly that they are working faithfully. Amount known to have been contributed this year,

\$33.69.

Miss Stockwell, Secretary of the Hillsdale Q. M., reports for only eight months, as this Society dates its existence — or rather re-existence - only as far back as June, 1879. At that time there existed in this Q. M. but one church auxiliary, but the welcome extended to Miss Cilley, as she visited our churches in July, showed a readiness to engage in the work she presented before them. Five more auxiliaries were organized that month—one in January and two in March. Q. M. now includes nine auxiliaries, with a membership of 101. The children are interested in the work, and effort is being put forth to organize bands among them. Amount of money raised, \$191.56. I regret to report only ninety-five subscribers for the HELPER. We are seeking to increase the number of subscribers, as it is like a friend in need. In the Hillsdale Church Sunday School there are four classes that take a share in Miss Ida Phillips' salary. Amount raised MARY P. PLATT. in this Y. M., \$530.21.

From two districts of Ohio, and from Indiana and Illinois, no reports have been received. From Illinois we learn indirectly that Mrs. Sandborn, District Secretary, "has been faithfully presenting the subject of our society work in the churches, and at the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. Interest has been awakened, some contributions obtained, and causes set in operation, looking toward a State organization." There is an auxiliary at Prairie City.

Miss Cilley says: "There are earnest women in these States who are doing what they can. May the Lord strengthen and encourage them, and may the pastors help them!"

### WISCONSIN.

Mrs. O. H. True, Secretary of the State Woman's Missionary Society, reports that the organization is doing well. It has seven auxiliaries. She speaks of an increase of interest in some localities. A few churches contribute liberally for missions, and some are just beginning this good work.

#### MINNESOTA.

Miss Cilley says, "I learn through the treasurer's published receipts, that there are some active societies in Minnesota. We rejoice in their success, and hope we may soon learn of their work more directly and particularly."

#### IOWA.

#### DISTRICT SECRETARY, MISS LOU CHAMPLIN.

We had, at the last session of our Y. M., one of the best Woman's Missionary meetings that we have ever held, consisting of devotional exercises, short addresses, essays, and select readings. The plea for Home Missions, written by Mrs. Toothaker, of Wilton, was especially good, and was listened to with closest attention. Since this meeting an auxiliary has been formed at Edgecomb, and another I think at Central City. At Agency City is an auxiliary organized with twelve members. They take twelve copies of the Missionary Helper. The money raised is divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The auxiliary at Waterloo numbers twenty-six members, and the children's band has at least thirty-five members. This band has been organized a little over a year and has grown rapidly. They have raised \$20 or more. They take two shares in Miss Ida Phillips' salary.

Amount of receipts in our State treasury, exclusive of that raised by the church auxiliaries, \$30.89. Number of mem-

bers not in auxiliaries, twenty-one.

The following are our officers: President, Mrs. R. Norton, Maconville; Vice-President, Mrs. L. True, Edgewood; Secretary, Miss Lou Champlin, Waterloo; Treasurer, Mrs. Kate Lindley, Waterloo. Executive Committee — Mrs. L. Toothaker, Wilton; Mrs. W. P. Sheldon, Edgecomb; Mrs. E. Dudley, Agency City, and the Secretary and Treasurer.

Lou E. Champlin.

#### VIRGINIA.

MISS LURA E. BRACKETT, DISTRICT SECRETARY.

As District Secretary, I have a smaller report than I could wish. My work, through the school year, was necessarily confined to Harper's Ferry. I had charge of the Girls' Hall, and could not go away, even on Saturday or Sunday. We organized an auxiliary here in the church and school, and voted to raise \$25 for the support of a native teacher in India. Mr. Morrell has taken great pains to introduce the Helper.

Copies are taken in all the churches.

Although there are few auxiliary societies in the churches, the women have quite done their share of benevolent work. All of them are poor, and earn their money in the hardest way, that is, washing, ironing, nursing, scrubbing, etc. They have contributed liberally to the support of Home and Foreign Missions. I wish I could know what they have done in the one matter of building houses of worship here in the Shenandoah valley.

We have good courage for the coming year. Our wants seem to increase in proportion to our size. There surely never was a time when we needed more. The appropriations made by the Woman's Society have been of the greatest service to us. Indeed, what could we have done without them?

I wish to add, that although our auxiliary has sent its money this year to Mr. Fernald, it was with the understanding that it should be credited to the Woman's Missionary Society.

LURA E. BRACKETT.

# CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Q. M. Secretaries reported.

Otsego, Mrs. O. H. MILLER, Owego, Mrs. Myron Prince, Jefferson, Mrs. B. F. Brown, Chenango, Mrs. George L. White,

Oswego, Mrs. — KLOCK, Genesee, Mrs. C. H. JACKSON, McDonough, Mrs. N. W. STEERE. Chemung, Mrs. G. R. FOSTER.

Number of church auxiliaries reported, twenty-seven, viz.: Unadilla Forks, Sherburne, Willett, Philadelphia, N. Y., Fort Jackson, North Parma, Holmesville, Phænix, West Falls, South Edmeston, Smyrna, German, Keenville, Norwich, North Scriba, Gilbert's Mills, DePauville, Broken Straw, Attica, Odessa, Harrisburg, Penn., Pine Valley, Pike, Elmira, Poland, Veteran, Cowlesville.

There are others of which I have not the names. "Most of these societies have been organized during the last year.

The conviction deepens that the societies not only secure more money for missions, but are a blessing to the churches and Quarterly Meetings.

S. L. CILLEY.

The above societies are not auxiliary to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, but to the Central Association Mission Work, and are doing nobly. Some of them send contributions also to our treasury. Several of our individual contributors reside in New York; others in Connecticut, New Jersey, Missouri, Kansas, California, and Ontario.

# MINUTES.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met in the vestry of the Somerset Street Church, Boston, Mass., Oct. 13, 1880, at 2 P. M., in accordance with the call of the Corresponding Secretary.

President, Mrs. L. R. Burlingame, in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn,

"Where are the reapers?"

Reading of Scriptures by the President. Prayer by Mrs. V. G. Ramsey. Singing of hymn,

"We need Thee every hour."

Records of the year read, corrected, and approved.

Report of Home Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Hayes, was read and adopted, with an expression of thanks to the Home Secretary for her careful and pains-taking work for the year.

Report of Treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, read and adopted. Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lowell, read and adopted.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The committee were, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Penney, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Brewster, and Mrs. Hills.

The several amendments to the Constitution, proposed at a previous annual meeting, were read and adopted in their proper order, after some discussion.

Miss French gave a brief but interesting account of her visit to the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the Society adjourned to 9 30 A. M. of Thursday.

## ADJOURNED MEETING.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hills, and records were read and approved. Report of Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. Ramsey, and adopted. [See page 2 of Report.]

Voted, That the Home Secretaries be authorized to fill va-

cancies in the District Secretaries.

The committee appointed to make inquiries concerning the holding of bequests, etc., reported against the propriety of requesting any other chartered body to act for this Society.

The report was accepted, and a committee of three — Miss DeMeritte, Mrs. Lowell, and Mrs. Hayes — were appointed,

empowered to obtain a charter.

Miss French presented a plan for securing pledges for a union of prayer for missions, and the Society voted to indorse Miss French in her efforts for securing pledges for the "Union of Prayer for Missions," and recommended that she urge this work as far as possible, in her capacity of Home Secretary.

Voted, To refer the matter of expenses in Miss French's work to the Board. Rev. A. L. Gerrish, from the Home Mission Board, presented an appeal for Kansas, the H. M. Board considering that the aid requested would fall within the province of this Society, and the appeal was referred to the Board.

The following Resolution was presented by Miss French,

and adopted : -

Whereas, We, as a Missionary Society, realize the great need of earnest, united prayer to Almighty God for his blessing upon the great work in which we are engaged, and as we sincerely believe that in answer to such prayer the work of spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ among the heathen would be more abundantly prospered, therefore,

Resolved, That we invite the Woman's Missionary Societies of all denominations to unite with us in a Union of Prayer for Missions, using the pledge card, or some similar token of

membership.

Voted, To refer the matter of publishing reports to a committee of three — Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Wade, and Mrs. Salley. Adjourned.

S. A. PERKINS, Recording Secretary.

An exchange very truthfully says: "We are not asked to give to the *heathen*, but to lay an offering at the feet of Jesus Christ, for the furtherance of His redemptive work."

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

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Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1879	••••••	\$1,459 00
as follows:—		
For Home Missions	\$ 59 50	
" Foreign Missions	294 77	
" Zenana work	213 32	
" The general work, Home and Foreign	826 78	
" Miss I. Phillips' work at Balasore	104 90	
" Miss I. Phillips' salary	215 84	
" Miss H. Phillips' work at Dantoon	125 00	
" Miss H. Phillips' salary	423 50	
" Mrs. J. L. Phillips' work at Midnapore	171 25	
" Mrs. Bacheler's work at Midnapore	91 33	
" Miss L. Crawford's work at Jellasore	173 90	
" Mrs. Burkholder's work	63 75	
" Mrs. N. C. Brackett's work at Harper's Ferry.		
" Miss L. Brackett's work at Harper's Ferry	5 00	
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School at Harper's Perry	73 85	
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Working Capitat	385 50	
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For Myrtle Hall	150 00 142 60		
Drinting general	•		
Printing reports	74 50		
Printing blanks, leaflets, etc	50 00		
Home Secretary, for postage, etc	7 00		
Returned to Treasurer of Ohio Y. M	10 00		
Invested money received for another missionary			
and interest on same	128 92		
Invested money received for a Working Capital	410 50		
	410 50		80
Total Disbursements		\$4,527	09
Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1880		482	08
Total accounted for as above		\$5,009	97
Of this there is due Chapel Hall, etc., 149.14.	- 5		
INVESTMENTS.			
Balance of note against Storer College	\$172 78		
Deposited in Strafford Co. Sav. Bank, Dover, N.	p./- /0		
	266 61	4.	
Н	366 64	4	
		<b>\$539</b>	42
These investments are for			
A new missionary	\$128 92		
A Working Capital *	410 50		
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### LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments made as per statement,

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, Auditor.

Receipts from the following sources: -

Maine	\$1,115 03
New Hampshire	741 36
Rhode Island	637 10
Massachusetts	268 70
Vermont	119 91
Ohio	114 19
Michigan	107 54
Province of Quebec	68 33
New York	61 00
Iowa	44 72
Wisconsin	43 41
Missouri	25 00
Minnesota	17 25
Illinois	9 95
Indiana	6 00
Connecticut	4 65
New Jersey	1 05

<sup>\*</sup>This working capital is subject to the following action of the Board: "That the interest of this invested capital shall be used for the general work of the Society, but the investment itself only as a security for obtaining money to pay bills due when there is not enough in the treasury to pay them, and the money borrowed on this security shall be paid before new appropriations are made."

Miscellaneous	130 14 35 64		
Total receipts	*	\$3,550	97

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881.

#### INDIA.

## Midnabore.

Midnapore.		
Salary of Miss Mary Bacheler,	. \$300	00
Zenana work (Mrs. Bacheler),	. 200	00
Ragged schools (Mrs. J. L. Phillips),	. 400	00
Salary of Miss Hattie Phillips,	. 400	00
Use of Miss Hattie Phillips,	. 100	
Use of Mrs. Lawrence,	. 50	00
Jellasore.		
Girls' orphanage and schools (Miss Crawford),	. 200	00
Bhimpore.		
-		
Teachers and schools (Mrs. Burkholder), .	. 150	00
Balasore.		
Salary of Miss Ida Phillips,	. 400	00
Zenana and district work,	. 270	00
Total for India,	\$2,470	00
HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.		
Salary of Miss Brackett,	. \$350	00
Salary of Miss Franklin,		00
Aid of pupils,	. 30	00
For expense of study-room, kitchen, sewing teacher	r,	
etc. (care of Mrs. Brackett),	. 150	00
Total for Normal School,	. 730	00
Total,	\$3,200	00

Appropriation was also made of such contributions as should come into the treasury, for the \$400 desired for an Industrial at Midnapore, and the \$1,000 to be raised toward the new chapel at Harper's Ferry. The Society in New Brunswick, which supports Miss Hooper, appropriates \$100 for the schools in Midnapore.

# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called the Free Baptist Wo-

man's Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to extend the Christian religion and its blessings, especially among women and children, by sending and supporting missionaries and teachers, and by establishing schools in Free Baptist fields, and for this purpose to enlist and unite the efforts of women in forming auxiliary societies.

ART. 3. The payment of \$1.00 per year shall constitute membership, \$20 life membership; and the payment of \$100 within the time of

four years, shall constitute a lady an honorable manager for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, two or more Home Secretaries, a District Secretary for each Yearly Meeting, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Missionary Intelligence and a Board of Managers consisting of the President, the Corresponding, Recording, and Home Secretaries, and thirteen other ladies. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices till others are elected and qualified.

ART. 5. The duties of President, Vice-Presidents and Recording

Secretary, shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

ART. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence with the missionaries, call meetings of the Board of Managers and special meetings of the Society, when she deems necessary, or when requested by not less than five members of the Board.

ART. 7. The Home Secretaries shall maintain correspondence with the various District Secretaries, endeavor through them and others to carry forward the work of the Society, and report to the Board annually.

ART. 8. The District Secretaries shall labor to secure the formation of auxiliary societies in each Church in their respective Yearly Meetings, by the appointment, if they choose, of Assistant Secretaries in each Quarterly Meeting, or by any other method they may deem most effective to carry forward the work, and shall report quarterly to the Home Secretary.

ART. 9. The Treasurer shall carefully credit all moneys received, and shall pay out none except by order of the Board of Managers. She shall also give bond, with security satisfactory to the Managers, in a sum not less than one third the amount given by the Treasurer of the F. B.

Foreign Mission Society.

ART. 10. The Committee on Missionary Intelligence shall prepare and publish for circulation such items of news as it shall judge best cal-

culated to promote the object of this Society.

ART. 11. The Board of Managers shall select and appoint Missionaries, designate their fields of labor, appropriate the funds in the treasury, fill vacancies in the offices of the Society when any occur, and execute such other business as may be necessary for accomplishing the object of the Society. Five may form a quorum. This Board shall act as an associate worker with the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board, and the F. W. B. Home Mission Board, and its action in the appointment of Missionaries to India and the assignment of their field of labor, shall become final with the approval of the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board.

ART. 12. This Society shall hold its annual meeting in October, due

notice of which shall be given by the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; notice of said change having been given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

# CONSTITUTION FOR AN AUXILIARY.

#### NAME.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the Free Baptist Church of ——.

#### OBJECT.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to secure systematic contributions for missions, to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to increase the number of those who labor and pray for the world's evangelization.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

ART, 3. The payment of two or more cents a week shall constitute any woman a member of this organization.

#### OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President Secretary, and Treasurer, and an Agent for the MISSIONARY HELPER. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall have supervision of its affairs. They shall be elected annually, and shall hold their office until their successors are duly elected.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 5. The President, in addition to the usual duties of a presiding officer, shall, in advice with the other officers, arrange the programme for its public meetings.

ART. 6. The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary and Treasurer \* to give notice of all meetings, to record the proceedings of each session, to make quarterly reports to this organization and to the Q. M. Secretary. Also, to collect the pledges, to keep an item account of moneys received and forwarded, and make quarterly remittances to the Q. M. Treasurer.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Agent of the Helper to secure subscriptions, to receive and forward the pay for the same to the publisher, and if obtained in clubs, to receive the copies and deliver them to the subscribers.

#### TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 9. The regular meetings for prayer and the transaction of business shall be held upon —— of each month, and the public meetings not less frequently than four times a year. The annual meeting shall be held on ——.

#### AMENDMENTS.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of said change having been given in writing at the previous regular meeting.

<sup>\*</sup> These offices may be held by one or two persons, as is deemed best.

## PLEDGE FOR MISSION BANDS.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. A missionary candidate must be fully convinced that she is called to the work of a foreign missionary.

2. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician.

3. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials of education from competent and reliable authority.

4. Financial and executive ability, power to adapt herself to surrounding circumstances, and a degree of aptness in teaching, are requisite qualifications for a

successful missionary in a foreign field.

5. As a rule, her age should not be less than twenty-two nor more than thirty; although a thorough intellectual training, with a facility for acquiring languages, and a marked ability for Christian work, may constitute a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

She must assent her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference will always be considered.

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD TO THEIR MISSIONARIES-

1. The missionaries of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society will be expected to use their time in the manner that will best promote their legitimate work.

2. They are requested to present an annual report of their work, and of all funds received and expended, salary not included, to the Corresponding Secretary. Also, to send, from time to time, such items for publication as shall be of general interest.

3. The Society agrees to pay the outfit and necessary expenses of missionaries in reaching their fields of labor, and their salaries from the time of their arrival; and in case any one is obliged to relinquish her work on account of ill health, to pay the expenses of her return home.

4. Every missionary employed by this Society is required to give at least five years, continuous service to the mission work assigned her. Should she, for any reason (sickness excepted), withdraw from this work before the expiration of that time, she shall give due notice of her intention to do so, and shall be required to refund the amount expended for her outfit and passage.

5. Every lady employed by this Society will be required to signify her willingness to comply with the above rules by signing her name thereto.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, BY STATES, SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION, JUNE, 1873.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.
Maine			. \$407 So			\$862 01	\$768 21	\$1115 03
N. Hampshire			. 377 30	408 19	369 27	659 32	594 60	741 36
Vermont		1	. 51 70	41 62	93 10	162 25	123 62	
Massachusetts			. 56 00			223 53		
Rhode Island			. 95 00			746 95		
New York			. 2 25			171 14		
West Virginia.						154 46		
Ohio			2 00		90 00	192 43		
Indiana						33 85		
Illinois					27 85	35 65		9 95
Iowa				23 00			22 75	
Michigan				1 00		27 39		
Wisconsin			6 10			33 03		43 41
Minnesota			. 12 55				46 00	17 25
Missouri				12 00				
Kansas					33 00	12 00		
Pro. of Quebec.							- 30	68 33
Other States						4 54	13 30	
Miscellaneous			58 99	31 45				
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Total receipts, \$15,747 68.

## LIFE MEMBERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

Mrs. W. H. Bowen, Lewiston, Me.

- " L. R. Burlingame, Providence, R. I.
- " A. D. Dudley, Haverhill, Mass.
- " A. J. Gould, Lowell, Mass.
- " Mary Hayes, Lewiston, Me.

Miss Jennie Knowles, Haverhill, Mass.

Mrs. J. A. Lowell, Danville, N. H.

Corrections in list given in report of 1879:—
Miss Sarah Beacham, Water Village, N. H., was omitted.

Miss C. Everleth, of Waldoboro', Me., should be Miss C. Everett.

Miss H. Sibley, of Candia Village, N. H., should be Mrs. H. Libby.

# Mass. " M. B. Wingate, East Corinth, Me.

Mrs. Thomas Smith, Laconia, N. H.

Miss Nellie F. Wade, Dover, Me.

Mrs. J. T. Weeks, Laconia, N. H.

" Mary S. Sandborn, Laconia, N. H.

" J. L. Tourtellot, Providence, R. I.

LETTERS.

Letters concerning the organization of auxiliaries and mission bands, and inquiries in regard to methods and objects of work, should be sent to the Home Secretaries, who will furnish constitution, blanks, etc.

Official correspondence with the missionaries and teachers is conducted by Mrs. J. A. Lowell, Danville, N. H.

# STATIONS AND WORKERS.

The following is copied from the Annual Report of the Free Baptist Mission in India. The post-office address of the missionaries is the same as the stations at which they labor, save that of Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder. Letters to them should be sent to Midnapore. Also address Dr. and Mrs. Phillips the same. Mark letters via Brindisi. Postage, five cents each half-ounce:—

#### MIDNAPORE.

#### Missionaries.

O. R. BACHELER, M. D., 1840. Mrs. BACHELER, 1847. J. L. PHILLIPS, M. D., 1865. Mrs. PHILLIPS, 1865. R. M. LAWRENCE, M. A., 1874. Mrs. LAWRENCE, 1878. Miss B. J. HOOPER, 1878. Miss M. W. BACHELER, 1876. Miss H. P. PHILLIPS, 1878.

Native Preacher.

JACOB MISRA, 1872.

Lay Preacher.
RAM C. CHAKRABATI, 1879.

#### BHIMPORE.

#### Missionaries.

Rev. T. W. BURKHOLDER, 1878. Mrs. BURKHOLDER, 1865.

#### Lay Preachers.

SIMANTA SAREN, 1871. DUKHU MURMU, 1874. DHARMA HASDA, 1874. DULA PHILLIPS, 1878.

#### PALASBANI.

Missionary in Charge, J. L. PHILLIPS, M. D. Lay Preacher, TUPHAN CHAKDAR, 1868,

#### BABAIGADIA.

Missionary in Charge.

J. L. PHILLIPS, M. D.

Lay Preacher.
JHAMPAD SANTADA, 1876.

#### DANTOON.

Missionary in Charge.

Native Preacher.
Purna Chandra Basu, 1869.

#### SANTIPORE.

Missionary in Charge. J. L. PHILLIPS, M. D. Lay Preachers.
HIRAM W. CURTIS, 1872.
SUPAI MARNDI, 1874.

#### JELLASORE.

Missionaries, J. L. Phillips, M. D. (in charge). Miss Lovina Crawford, 1851. Native Preacher. SILAS CURTIS, 1848.

#### BALASORE.

#### Missionaries.

Rev. A. J. Marshall, B. D., 1873. Mrs. Marshall, 1873. Rev. M. J. Coldren, B. A., 1879. Miss I. O. Phillips, 1877.

Native Preachers.

KAMAL NAIK, 1875. JOSEPH FULLONTON, 1873.

#### Lay Preachers.

BHARAT BEHARA, 1876. DANIEL NAIK, 1878. RASIK DAS, 1879.

Pastor of the Church. SOLOMON NAIK, 1878. THE



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